



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

ZOOM:

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Karen Gierie Newman, Liturgist

GATHERING

"In His Time" - Ball

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

"This Is the Day"

UMH #657 (sing 2 times)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Assemble before God, our rock and refuge.

Come together to listen for the voice of our Creator.

The Word of God shakes the foundation of the earth.

We expect to be changed by God's message to us.

God rescues us from cruelty and injustice.

In steadfast love, God delivers us from our enemies.

We remember the rich heritage we have received.

We give thanks for the God's grace and mercy,

This is God's holy day, a time to lay aside narrow interests.

How will we honor God in word and deed?

We will delight in the Word and works of our God.

We will join together in praise and good works.

*OPENING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH #92 (vv. 1, 2, 5, 6)

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

We are known by you, gracious God, better than we know ourselves. You have given us life, and you have renewed our spirits. You have carried us to the heights, and you have dwelled with us in life's depths. You are our hope and our trust. Touch us here, for you are far beyond our reach. Dwell with us here to lift our aspirations and inspire confidence among us. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We bow in awe before you, powerful God. We have forgotten that you are in charge of the earth. We have neglected the brothers and sisters you have called us to love. We want them to conform to our way of doing things rather than reaching out to them where they are. We would rather ignore them than feel obligated to help. Sometimes we would rather continue our own crippled existence than call on you for help. O God, we need your mercy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God forgives, heals, and redeems. Stand straight and tall in your own mind, for God reclaims you and grants you freedom to become all you are meant to be. God crowns you with steadfast love and mercy. God appoints you to speak and act as representatives of the heavenly realm, as prophets of the new covenant.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 71:1-6

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 13:10-17

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Shout to the Lord" FWS #2074, (sing 2 times)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY "All Who Hunger" FWS #2126
Sharon Lensky, soprano

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

O God, we cannot forget all your benefits. Accept our offerings as expressions of praise and acts of true worship. We pour out our thanks for all you have given us, and for all you do for us. We are grateful for the opportunities you grant us to help others. May healing come to all who suffer, and freedom be granted to those weighed down and bent over with heavy burdens. Use us and our gifts to bring the changes for good that you intend for our world. Amen.

***HYMN** "The Summons" FWS #2130 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "The Summons" FWS #2130 (2nd part of v. 5)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

August 2025

24th – Karen Gierie Newman

31st – Betty Gastelua

September

7th – Karen Gierie Newman

14th – Danny Gastelua

21st – Jeff Smith

28th – Diane Pucha

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

August 2025

24th – Rita & John

31st – UWF

September

7th – Vicki & Annemarie

14th – Smith & Muller

21st – Kathy V & Jayme

28th – Rita & John

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! If this is your first time with us, be sure to stop by the Visitor Center, located next to the Sanctuary, to pick up a welcome packet and a gift! If you would like to leave your contact information or subscribe to our newsletter, simply scan the QR code below or stop by the Visitor Center to sign the guest book.



UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Church Council Meeting – Monday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Meeting – Wednesday, September 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

SPRC Meeting – Thursday, September 4th at 7 pm

UPCOMING EVENT:

FUMC UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: All women are invited to our summer meeting on Sunday, August 24, 2025, after service, in Fellowship Hall. You may bring a snack or bag lunch, drinks will be provided. We will again work on “Random Niceness”, creating little pieces of joy to leave in random spots to bring a smile to a stranger who may be having a bad day – and how nice is that? See attached flyer for details. Please RSVP to Karen G. Newman. Thank you!

LONG ISLAND DUCKS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY: We will continue to volunteer to work the concession stands at the Long Island Ducks games. This year we will volunteer on Saturdays and Sundays. Contact Garry Wurth for more information at garrywurth@gmail.com or 516-524-2530.

DISTRICT EVENT:

MISSION COMMITTEE SLEEPING BAG PROJECT: The L.I.E. district collects sleeping bags in August and September to assist the homeless. Please review the details on the flyer. Questions? Contact Barbara Flores.

CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please *come to the Altar after worship*, the pastor will meet with you for prayer.

PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

We share prayer requests as part of our regular service. Please raise your hand for the microphone to share your prayer concerns and joys with the congregation. If you have private prayer requests, please write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary and then pass it to the offering basket during the offertory time. Thank you!

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