



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024**

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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
Lois Muller, Liturgist

GATHERING

“Hear Now My Humble Prayer” – L. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Come, Thou Almighty King” UMH # 61 (vv. 1, 4)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to the time of covenant renewal.

The God of our salvation greets us here.

We are reminded of God’s promises to us;

We remember the promises we have made.

Sense the Spirit descending on us now.

Hear God’s welcoming voice.

Surely God is with us.

We can hear God calling our names.

See the rainbow in the sky.

Wonder at God’s steadfast love.

All creation proclaims the wonders of God.

We come together to learn what God wants to teach us.

***OPENING HYMN** “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” UMH #371 (vv. 1, 2, 5)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Lead us in your truth this day, gracious God. We long to know your ways and to be guided by your Spirit. Direct us into that realm where your purposes govern the hearts and minds of all your children. We want to grow in the likeness of Jesus, to learn to live in ways that are pleasing to you. We wait for you now, eager to respond to your instruction. Let nothing cut us off from you or separate us from one another, not only in this time of worship but as we face the challenges of another week. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Have mercy on your church, O God, for we forget the covenant into which you call us. We muddle along in our self-serving schemes rather than waiting on your word. We follow the path of least resistance without seeking your higher way. We forget our baptism into a faith community built on trust and forgiveness. We turn from the vision of heaven to the treacherous hell of competing egos. O

God, we turn to you to lead us to a new day. According to your steadfast love, forgive us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is faithful to the covenant, even when we forget. In mercy and steadfast love, God lifts us above the sins of our youth and the transgressions of today. Christ brings us to God that we might receive a new spirit and a good conscience. We are God's beloved children who are welcomed into God's realm right here, right now, in the midst of life.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "Heart of God" – Schram
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING 2 Kings 4:42-44

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 14:13-21

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH #176

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen, Amen" UMH #897
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG "We'll Understand It Better By and By" UMH #525
The Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Thank you, God, for the signs and wonders that reveal your presence. Thank you for the covenant fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We want to do our part to share your love with the world. Use our offerings and our lives to bring a realization of your reign among us. Extend your realm by re-creating the church as a true representation of Jesus Christ. May we be humble, teachable, and faithful as we seek to lead others into covenant community. Amen.

***HYMN** "How Great is Our God" W&S #3003

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "How Great is Our God" W&S #3003 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

February 2024
25th – Sharon Lensky

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

February 2024
25th - 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, in the room to the side of the Sanctuary, for a welcome packet and a gift! If you wish to receive our newsletter, please send us your contact information to office@farmingdaleumc.org and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.
Church Council Meeting – Monday, February 26th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **The Central Nassau Cooperative Parish – Spiritual Life Lenten Prayer Walk – 11 a.m., February 22nd** at Hicksville UMC. The spiritual ministry team of the LIE district is visiting the Central Nassau Cooperative Parish for a spiritual walk, prayer, and reflection during the Lenten Season. Join us for a special prayer walk as we walk on the Lenten journey.
- **Bishop Bickerton to Visit LIE District - Thursday, March 14th** - Bishop Bickerton will meet with clergy and laity at 6:30 p.m., at the Bible Korean UMC in Dix Hills.
- **LIE Youth Retreat at Camp Quinipet – April 5th-7th** – Grades 6-12. See the flyer for more details

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

- FRIDAY LADIES SMALL GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 8:00 AM-9:00AM VIA ZOOM
- WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 10:30 AM VIA ZOOM

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.

WRITE PRAYER CONCERN AND JOY

If you want to submit your prayer requests, we suggest you to write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary, and then pass it to the prayer basket during the prayer time. Thank you!

LENT 2024 SERVICES SCHEDULE:

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and Easter is on Sunday, March 31. This Lenten season, may we let go of everything that has discouraged us and held us back, and pray that God will guide us as we reclaim, revive, and renew our faith.

- 3rd Sunday in Lent: Youth Sunday: Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 am
- 5th Sunday in Lent: Dramatic reading of the Wife of the Pontius Pilate: Sunday, March 17 at 9:30 am

- Palm Sunday: Easter Cantata: Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am
- The Central Nassau Cooperative Parish Lenten Meditation Service: Tuesday, March 26 at Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC at 7:30 pm.
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm
- Good Friday Service: Friday, March 29 at 7 pm
- Easter Worship Service: Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am



2024 LENTEN STUDY

Our 2024 Lenten Study will take place on the six Sundays in Lent, **February 18th through March 24th**, with a potluck supper at 5:00PM and the program at 6:00PM. This year we will be studying the book, *Revival*, a six-week journey through England as we study together following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. As we study, Pastor Claire will share the experience of the trip to John Wesley's England.

There is a sign-up at the Visitors' Desk in the transept for the supper and program OR just the program. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman, newman1309@aol.com.

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