



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 1, 2023**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023



Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

GATHERING “Communion Meditations” – L. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Majesty, Worship His Majesty” UMH # 176 (2X)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us remember God’s presence with us.

Let us give ear to all that God would teach us.

Our ancestors have told us about God’s might.

They have celebrated God’s wondrous deeds.

In the wilderness of Sinai, God provided water.

Through the sea, God provided safe passage.

Yet the Israelites questioned God’s presence.

They needed assurance amid their doubts.

Our doubts can lead to honest searching.

God welcomes questions that seek new truth.

We want to see God’s larger picture.

We are here to broaden the scope of our concern.

***OPENING HYMN** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH # 400 (VV 1 & 3)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

We marvel, O God, at the thought that you care about us. We are amazed that the Creator of the universe would take on human flesh to draw near to us in ways we could begin to understand. As Jesus emptied himself to serve, modeling your love even in the face of death, we seek in these moments to lay aside self-interest that we might take directions from you. Help us to humble ourselves in order to obey you, to listen in order to hear, to care in order to serve. Lead us day and night through the dangers of the wilderness of our times. Lead us in the moments to honest and fervent worship. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hymnal 39

Parsa Karimi
Britt Carolyn Karimi
Mason Karimi
Jackson Karimi
Charlotte Karimi

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Lois Muller
Jose and Barbara Flores
John Muller and Melanie Muller
Parsa and Britt Carolyn Karimi

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We fear to approach you with our confession, holy God, for you may require changes in us that are costly. You ask to have the mind of Christ, a mind free of pretense and self-interest. You challenge us to lay aside our advantages to go where you send us. We fear loss of security if we are obedient. It is hard to see ourselves as exploiters when we pursue advantages for our families. It is difficult to consider others when we feel like victims. We confess our need for you and our desire to find your purpose for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God accepts us in the midst of our struggles. There is encouragement in Christ, there is consolation from love, there is compassion, sympathy, and the opportunity to share in the Spirit. God blesses us as we gather in community, call us to find our common mind in Christ Jesus. May we not only agree to do the work God places before us as a ministry of love, but let us do all we can to share our faith with a faithfulness stripped of pretense and conceit. May our lives praise God.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

Hymnal 13

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

ANTHEM

“In Every Land Begin the Song” – J. M. Martin
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 6:1-13

*NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Leader: This is the Word of God.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

UMH # 64 (VV 1 & 2)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Amen, Amen”

UMH #897

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

UMH # 474

Soloist: HIMAL SHRESTHRA

*DOXOLOGY

UMH #95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

We empty our pockets, trusting you, O God. We empty our selfish ambitions, believing that the common good is of greater concern. We give because you have richly blessed us. We present ourselves in your service because you have gifted us in so many ways. We reach out helping hands because we care about all those you have called us to love. May every tongue confessing Christ as Savior share in that mind which so powerfully demonstrates your love. Amen.

*HYMN

“Sing the Lord’s Goodness”

W&S # 3010 (VV 1, 3 & 4)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Sing the Lord’s Goodness”

W&S # 3010 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

October 2023

8th – Lois Muller

15th – Faustina Gyedu

22nd – Karen Gierie Newman

29th – Diane Puchta

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

October 2023

8th – Smith/Muller

15th – Jayme & Diane

22nd – Rita & John

29th - UWF

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:

SPRC Meeting – Monday, October 2nd, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Meeting – Tuesday, October 3rd, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Nominating Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 4th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meetings – Monday, October 9th **AND** October 16th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, October 23rd, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **FUMC Fall Festival** – Saturday, October 7th - 10 – 4 p.m. Join us as we celebrate the arrival of the fall season.
- **Blessing of the Animals** – Sunday, October 22nd at 11 a.m. Bring your creatures great and small to be blessed. Please have pets on a leash or in a carrier. Stuffed animals are also welcome!
- **Bishop Bickerton's Visit to LIE District** – Friday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m. Bishop Bickerton, NYAC's resident bishop, will meet with the clergy & laity of the Long Island East District.

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 are changing our prayer request format. We will 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!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you need offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

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