



**FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for the  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 5, 2023**

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**Service is In-Person or on Zoom**

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

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# WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023



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

**GATHERING** “Down by the River to Pray” – Hayes/arr D. E. Wagner

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE** “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise” FWS #2031 (2X)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are thirsty, whose souls are fainting.

Come, all whose troubles seem overwhelming.

**The Source and Creator of all things welcomes us.**

**God hears our cries and is ready to help us.**

Come, all who are pure, upright, and blameless.

Come, all who dwell day by day in God’s realm.

**The Messiah has more to teach us.**

**Jesus turns us from seeking honor to humble service.**

Draw near and hear the word of our God.

Open your lives to the Spirit who fills all things.

**We sense the presence of truth seeking to enter us.**

**We feel the love of God eager to embrace us.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** “Come, Share the Lord” FWS #2269 (VV 1, 2, 3)

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### \*INVOCATION

O God, our true home, we come together to unite our stories with those of our spiritual ancestors. Some of us have come from desert places, desperate for nourishment. Some of us come from places of abundant harvest and yet are not satisfied. You are among us all, a living God, present in ways we have not yet realized. We come to learn, to let what we learn mold and change us, to find courage and energy to live by your direction. We bring our joyous worship, confident of your welcome to us. Amen.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

## CALL TO REMEMBRANCE

## LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for our sisters and brothers who have come to the end of this mortal journey and whose spirits now rest with You.

**Accept our thanks and praise, O God.**

Loving Savior, we praise your name for the witness of the saints, for these servants who have finished their course, and for the legacy of faith that they have left us.

**Accept our thanks and praise, O God.**

Spirit of grace, we glorify You for the power of love that binds us with those we love but see no more. May we, like them, live in Your presence, so that we may with them, one day, join with all the saints of God in glory.

**Accept our thanks and praise, O God.**

## ACTS OF REMEMBRANCE

A bell will be rung after each name is read and a flower will be placed in the memorial vase.

Cathy Ganz Johnsen  
Stephen Walata

## THE SILENCE OF REMEMBRANCE

### PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING (In unison)

**Eternal God, we celebrate Your presence in the lives of these saints who have gone on before us. Because of Your promise of Your presence in the future, we have no fear. As long as we live, we will bless Your name. May we live in that promise and find comfort through Your redeeming grace now and always. With our joyous lips we will offer You worship. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, help us to be honest with ourselves, with one another, and with you. We have searched for life amid temporary attractions. We have sought excitement in places that turned out to be desert wastelands. We have burdened others with our mistakes. We have sought honors and made comparisons to look better than those around us. We have devoted little time to thanking and praising you, the Source of all things. Open us now, O God, to the Word we need from you. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God gathers us from the east and the west, the north and the south, drawing us into a caring community where burdens are shared, hope is renewed and people are freed and equipped to use their God-given gifts. Springs of water emerge from parched lands as we alert one another to blessings we had overlooked. Let the redeemed of the Creator say so. Let us give thanks to God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING (UNISON)**

Hymnal 13

**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** "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning" – Larson  
The Chancel Choir

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 1 Chronicles 29:6-13

**\*NEW TESTAMENT READING** 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Leader: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Sanctuary" FWS #2164 (2X)

**SERMON** Pastor Claire Wu

**PRAYER RESPONSE** "Amen, Amen" UMH #897

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY SONG** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" - H.R. Shelley  
Duet: Barbara Grabowski, Soprano and Madison Milhous, Baritone

**\*DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

**Let your Word be at work in us, gracious God, and through the offerings we present for your blessing. We offer here our support for the work of teaching, preaching and good counsel, our assistance for those who are burdened and hungry and lost, our encouragement for questioners, seekers, and risk-takers intent on leading a life worthy of your approval. We are all your students. Let us also be you humble servants, through the offering of our substance and ourselves. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" FWS #2153 (VV 1, 3 & 4)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" FWS #2153 (V 1)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

***OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:***

**UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

November 2023

12<sup>th</sup> – Sharon Lensky

19<sup>th</sup> – Karen Gierie Newman

26<sup>th</sup> – Diane Puchta

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

November 2023

12<sup>th</sup> – Smith/Muller

19<sup>th</sup> – Jayme & Diane

26<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org) and visit our website [farmingdaleumc.org](http://farmingdaleumc.org).

### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

SPRC Meeting – Monday, November 6th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.  
Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, November 13th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.  
Church Council Meeting – Monday, November 27th, 2023 at 7 p.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Food Outreach Ministry/Cooking Night** – Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Please join our cooking night to support those in need. Please see Mary Ann Nataro for more information.
- **CHARGE CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 - COMMITTEE CHAIRS – IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!** Our (in person) Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 19th, at Hicksville UMC at 2:30 pm, so **we need all committee reports by November 5. Thank you!**
- **Stewardship Campaign: November 5<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023** – We will continue to put God in the center of all that we do as we move forward into the future continuing to do good, and to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ for all. We are grateful to each of you for your past gifts and ask you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute as stewards to support Farmingdale UMC for the next coming year. Please bring your commitment card on New Consecration Sunday on November 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact the church office at (516) 694-3424 or email, [office@farmingdaleumc.org](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org). Thank you in advance for your participation and sharing God's love in a big way! To God be the glory!

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

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

### 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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Church Office Hours: Tuesdays- Thursdays 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
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