

Welcome to the

Farmingdale United Methodist Church

Laity Sunday

October 25, 2026

WELCOME TO
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Rev. Catherine Schuyler, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music,
Our Laity, Liturgist

GATHERING *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*, H. P. Smith

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*__PRELUDE__ *Welcome* W&S #3152

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **Karen Kendrick**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.
Put on the full armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against all hidden schemes.
We do not walk in our own strength, but we hide ourselves in the might of our God.
Buckle the belt of truth around your waist and fasten the breastplate of righteousness over your heart.
Let God's truth shatter every lie and let Christ's righteousness guard our souls.
Fit your feet with readiness that comes from the gospel of peace,
We step forward in grace, rooted in the good news of Jesus Christ
Above all, take up the Shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one; put on the helmet of salvation and wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
Protected by His grace and armed with His truth, we lift our voices together.
We are strong in the Lord and His mighty power. Let us worship.

***HYMN** *Standing on the Promises* UHM #374

***INVOCATION** **Jayme Majoros**

As we gather in Your presence today, turn our hearts toward your grace and tune our lives to Your truth. May we consciously put on the full armor of God so that we can stand firm against every scheme of the enemy. Lord, keep us alert and steadfast in prayer. In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***GLORIA PATRI** UHM #71

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION **Karen Gierie Newman**
Open our eyes, Lord, to the wisdom you offer us. Open our ears to hear your word, and through your word, to hear your love. Open our lives to your grace, that we might follow you in all we do. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Exodus 33:12-23 **Betty Gastelua**

CHILDREN'S SERMON **Jenn Lee**

HISTORY OF LAITY SUNDAY **Danny Gastelua**

PSALM Psalm 99 **Erica Hamill**

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision,* Irish Folk Song/ arr. C. Young

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 22:15-22 **Madison Milhouse**
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

***HYMN** *Cry of My Heart* FWS #2165

SERMON *Stand Against the Schemes of the Devil* **Shanna Wurth**
(Philippians 6:10-18)

PRAYER HYMN *Surely the Presence of the Lord* UMH #328

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
SILENT PRAYER
PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *All Good Gifts,* (from "Godspell"), Schwartz Sharon Lensky, soprano

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER Of CONSECRATION**
Gracious God, you choose ordinary people and weave them into a community that shines with your love. We thank you for the gift of belonging—for the call to live our faith in ways that ripple outward into the lives of others. Receive these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our willingness to be witnesses to your grace. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, welcome the searching, and strengthen your church as a living example of hope. May our shared life together always point to Christ, whose love calls and sends us. Amen.

***HYMN** *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* FWS #2151

***BENEDICTION**
As you go forth into the world, stand firm in the strength of the Lord and the power of his might. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and keep you secure, both now and forevermore. Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* FWS #2151 V. 1

Our worship has ended; our service begins.
(*) Please stand as you are comfortable.

WELCOME, VISITORS!
Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. There's a Visitor Center in the room To the right of the sanctuary with information and a welcome packet. If you'd like to Share your name and address, you may use the QR code, or sign the guest book in the Visitor Center.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
We'll share our prayer concerns aloud in worship. The ushers have microphones to bring to you to share. If you'd prefer, you may add a written prayer request to the offering plate.

PRAYER GROUPS AND BIBLE STUDIES
- Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Friday Ladies' Small Group, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

UPCOMING MEETING
- Ad Council Meeting, Wednesday, Oct. 28, 7:00pm
- Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 7:00pm

Don't Forget…Next week…



LECTORS
Nov 1. Danny Gastelua
Nov 8. Karen Gierie Newman
Nov 15 Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS
Nov 1. Annmarie & Melanie
Nov 8. Lois & Kimberly S.
Nov 15. Amanda & Kathy

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.