



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
2nd Sunday of Easter
April 7, 2024**

Service is In-Person or on 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
Diane Puchta, Liturgist

GATHERING “Softly and Tenderly” – Forrest

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” UMH #302 (vv.1 & 6)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Life has been revealed to us this Easter season.

Gather once more to testify to life.

We declare to each other what we have experienced.

In community we find the life God intends.

Early believers were of one heart and soul.

We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

How very good and pleasant it is

When kindred live together in unity.

Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection.

Christ is with us to renew our faith.

We are here to testify to God’s grace.

We will share our story and ourselves.

***OPENING HYMN** “Here I Am to Worship” W&S #3177

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

You pour out upon us the oil of gladness, gracious God, as we gather in the name of our risen Savior. You have given us the Word of Life; we have heard and seen your greatest of all gifts and testify to that experience by our presence here. Let Jesus Christ be known among us, in our conversation and in our prayers. May our thoughts center on the message that light has come to chase away the shadows, community has been born to remove our isolation, joy has been heaped upon us that we might share it with the world. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have taken the name Christian, but few of us are known primarily by that name. We have experienced Easter radiance, but we seldom reflect the light of our risen Savior. We have heard the message of salvation, but it grows cold on our lips and is of little influence on our lives. Sometimes we delude ourselves that, because we are basically good people, there is no sin in us. We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Sin is separation from you, and we have allowed great chasms and built high walls to keep you out of our lives. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

John wrote to the early church; If we walk in the light as Christ is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us. Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sin. When we are one with God through Christ, we extend forgiveness to our sisters and brothers, that all may come to faith and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND 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

**"Jesus Calls Us" – Mozart/arr. Holler
The Chancel Choir**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 4:32-35

***GOSPEL READING** John 20:19-31

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "He is Lord"

UMH #177 (2X)

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" - Ringwald The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG "He Rose" UMH #316
The Chancel Choir and the Congregation

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

We offer to you our common stewardship, loving God. We want to be faithful in meeting one another's needs and in serving the world in Christ's name. The gifts we bring today will not mark an end to our giving. We sense that you are sending us, as Jesus was sent, to share light with the world. Thus, we dedicate our time and effort as a further offering. May life and faith be extended to many through us. Amen.

*HYMN “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

FWS #2173

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

FWS #2173 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

April 2024

14th – Karen Gierie Newman

21st – Debbie Cala

28th – Lois Muller

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

April 2024

14th – Smith/Muller

21st – Jayme & Diane

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, 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, April 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m.

SPRC Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 17th at 7 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, April 22nd at 7 p.m.

Nursery School Meeting – Tuesday, April 30th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **L.I.E. Mission Walk, Saturday, May 11th, Belmont Lake State Park @ 9:30 AM**
 - Each church registers the mission projects, and our church supports the Bowery Mission, a homeless shelter.
 - How to Support:
 - If you want to join our mission walk, please email to office@farmingdaleumc.org or let Danny Gastelua know of your participation.
 - Visit <https://groupnev.com/MissionWalk2024-FUMC> to send a donation **OR**
 - Write a check to support Mission Walk (Make a check out to Farmingdale UMC and make a memo: Mission Walk 2024)
 - Any Questions? See Danny Gastelua.

- **Twin County Chorus Church Fundraiser – Sunday, May 19th** - Mark your calendars and tell your friends and neighbors! Twin County chorus, a division of Sweet Adeline's, will be performing on **Sunday, May 19th, 2024**. There will be a silent auction and refreshments served. Tickets are \$20 pp;

seniors and students are \$15. We need your help to donate new items for the silent auction and/or seek donations from merchants. Any questions please see Jackie Suwalski.

SKIP NEWMAN SCHOLARSHIP - We are pleased to announce that FUMC will be accepting applications for the 2024 Skip Newman Scholarship. Applicants should be students who are graduating from high school and entering an institution of higher learning.

Please contact the church office to request an application. You may return the application, along with the letter of reference via e-mail to the Church Office at office@farmingdaleumc.org. The deadline for receipt of applications is May 19, 2024. The awards will be presented on June 19.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We will be volunteering at the Long Island Ducks games on Saturdays and Sundays. See Garry Wurth or Danny Gastelua to sign up. The more stands/games we cover, the more money we make.

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.

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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