



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023**

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
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

GATHERING “Variations on ‘O God, Our Help in Ages Past’” – R. A. Williamson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “Sing of the Lord’s Goodness” W&S #3010 (VV 1, 2, 4)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Put away the things you have substituted for God.

Let your worship of the one true God be genuine.

We seek to know God and to rejoice before our Creator.

We know that God is beyond all our false images.

God is not deceived by our solemn assemblies.

Our empty festivals do not impress our God.

We want to give joyous expression to a growing faith.

We choose to serve the god whom Jesus revealed.

Our hope is in God’s grace beyond all judgement.

Our trust is in God’s love, greater than our feeble imitation.

We welcome the light God promises us.

We seek to respond with faithful service.

***OPENING HYMN** “I Surrender All” UMH #354 (VV 1, 4, 5)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

VETERANS’ DAY LITANY

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder of our country's story:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For leaders in nation and state, and for those who in days past and in these present times have labored for the commonwealth:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For those who in all times and places have been true and brave, and in the world common ways have lived upright lives and ministered to their fellows:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: For those who served their country in its hour of need, and especially for those who gave even their lives in that service:

People: We give you thanks, O God.

Pastor: O almighty God and most merciful Father, as we remember these your servants, remembering with gratitude their courage and strength, we hold before you those who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved servants with your mercy. As this day brings them memories of those they have lost awhile, may it also bring your consolation and the assurance that their loved ones are alive now and forever in your living presence.

INVOCATION

God of our ancestors, be our God today as we gather in sincerity and faithfulness to honor you. Attune our hearts to you commandments as we remember your mighty acts. Declare your Word to us so we may be inspired to obey. We know that we must decide today whether or not we will serve you. Not to decide is to reject you. O God, save us from the idols that appear so attractive to us, the toys that take so much of our attention and the pursuits that dominate our time. Make your dwelling place with us here. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If sin means cutting ourselves off from you and being unprepared to respond to your presence, surely we have sinned. Our lamps are not trimmed; our lives are not ready for your trumpet call. We have not listened well or encouraged one another in the faith. The distraction of many things has kept us from meditation and prayer. We are witnesses against ourselves, for we have vowed our loyalty and then have gone our own way. Merciful God, we seek your forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God brought our spiritual ancestors out of bondage and protected them along their way. We believe God is eager to free us from all that imprisons us. Our days on earth are a trust from God, and we serve God best by investing our time in learning and living God's intentions for us. It is God's will that we live in harmony with one another, that we learn to love all God's children. God extends full pardon to us. Praise God for forgiveness and a second chance.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” – G. Young

The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 24:1-3a; 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 25:1-13

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION	“Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated”	UMH #399 (V 1)
SERMON	“All in’ for the Lord!”	Rev. Penny Van Riper Gadzini
PRAYER RESPONSE	“Amen, Amen”	UMH #897
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Joan Ganz
RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT		Zach Smith
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		
OFFERTORY	“Step By Step” The Chancel Choir	W&S #3004 (2X)
*DOXOLOGY		UMH #95
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)		
<p>We set our hope in you, God of all ages, and seek to serve you through our offerings and our efforts to encourage and equip one another for ministry. Help us decide daily to live according to your will, preparing ourselves for the opportunities and challenges you give us. May your rule shape our lives in ways that introduce many to the joys of eternity in the midst of time. Amen.</p>		
*HYMN	“The Summons”	FWS#2130 (VV 1, 2, 5)
*BENEDICTION		
*POSTLUDE	“Cry of My Heart”	FWS #2165 (Refrain)

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

19th – Karen Gierie Newman

26th – Diane Puchta

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

November 2023

19th – Jayme & Diane

26th – 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:

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, November 13th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, November 27th, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Vision Bearers Meeting – Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 11 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **CHARGE CONFERENCE: November 19th, 2023** - Our (in person) Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 19th, at Hicksville UMC at 2:30 pm.
- **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE: November 19th, 2023** - Please bring in your canned goods and non-perishables to church and help us serve those in need.
- **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: November 5th – 26th, 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 26th. If you have any questions please contact the church office at (516) 694-3424 or email, 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 7:30 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 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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