



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**22nd Sunday after Pentecost
November 9, 2025**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Karen Gierie Newman, Liturgist

GATHERING

“When God Restored Our Common Life” – USA Folk Melody/ arr. Routley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

“We Are God’s People”

FWS #2220(vv. 1, 2, 4)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We call on God, who is near as our next breath.

We gather to meet God, who has promised to bless us.

God is great and greatly to be praised.

Through many generations, God has acted among us.

Meditate on the wondrous works of our Creator.

Marvel at the glorious splendor of God’s majesty.

God is the Savior of all who seeks refuge.

God hears our cries and fulfills our deepest desires.

Remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

Make a joyful noise and break forth in song.

Our mouths will speak the praise of God.

Let all flesh bless God’s holy name.

*OPENING HYMN

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

UMH 431

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Give ear to our prayer, gracious God, and attend to our cries. We call on you, knowing that you will answer and make your way known to us. We seek to follow the path you show us. We take courage, knowing that you are kind and just in all you do. When we need assurance, you gather us in the shadow of your wing. As we mature in faith, you give us wings to fly on our own. Meet each one of us in our particular need in this hour. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we are reluctant to identify weakness or wickedness in ourselves. We do not recognize violent behavior or lawless rebellion as personal problems. We would not think of elevating ourselves to take your place. Yet we find ourselves viewing the world from the narrow perspective of our own self-interest. Our anger at others spills over into our words and deeds. We ignore you in our decision making and fail to give thanks to you in our daily living. Without your forgiveness and transforming love, there is little hope for us. Hear and save us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God justifies those who confess their guilt and forgives their transgressions. The God of our salvation delivers us in awesome ways. Those who put their trust in God and center their hope in Jesus Christ are blessed by an outpouring of the Spirit. God equips us to fight the good fight, to finish the race, to keep the faith. Be glad and rejoice in God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Claire Wu

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

VETERANS DAY

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR VETERAN'S DAY

Leader: For all who have served in the armed forces to ensure our freedom,

All: We honor you.

Leader: For the families who kept the home fires burning and provided continuous support for their soldier(s),

All: We thank you.

Leader: For the wounds you have suffered at the hand of war

All: For the times of loneliness you have felt on the battlefields of life

Leader: For the sacrifices you have made

All: For the times you were not thanked

Leader: For the times you chose courage in the face of fear

All: For the times you were not shown compassion

Leader: For the difficult decisions you had to make

All: For the losses you have suffered, we thank you now.

Leader: We honor you now.

ALL: YOUR SACRIFICE WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER:

Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans and all members of the armed forces, we also pray for peace. Teach all your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

SPECIAL SONG FOR VETERANS' DAY

"God Bless America"

ANTHEM

"Hymn to Joy" – Beethoven/ arr. Schram
The Chancel Choir

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 25:14-30

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Bind Us Together"

FWS #2226

SERMON

Rev. Jack King

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen" – Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Womb of Life" (vv. 1,2,4)
Congregational Hymn

FWS #2046

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

For the future glory of your church, we dedicate our gifts. Toward the reign of love in our midst, we consecrate ourselves. O God of all the ages, show yourself to us in our time. Work within us individually and among us as a community of faith, that we may experience resurrection and carry your good news into our world. Amen.

***HYMN**

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH #368(vv. 1, 2, 4)

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH 368(Refrain Only)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

November

9th Karen Gierie Newman

16th Sharon Lensky

3rd John Muller

30th Betty Gastelua

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

November

9th Lois & Kimberly S

16th Kathy V & Amanda

23rd Rita & John

30th UWF

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 – Tuesday, Nov. 11th at 7:30 pm

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, Nov. 12th at 6:30 pm

Church Council – Monday, Nov 24 at 7:00pm

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: NOVEMBER 2ND– NOVEMBER 16TH, 2025 - We will continue to place God at the center of all we do as we move forward into the future, striving to do good and to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ for everyone. 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 in the coming year.

New Consecration Sunday is on Sunday, November 16th. 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 prayers, participation, and for sharing God's love in a meaningful way! To God be the glory!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The Farmingdale UMC Food Ministry is holding a food drive through Sunday, November 23rd. Please donate non-perishable items. If you have any questions, please ask Mary Bing. Thank you!

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

As many of our friends and neighbors face the loss of their SNAP benefits, the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless is seeking our support. Despite their name, the organization provides essential assistance—including food, toiletries, and cleaning supplies—to **anyone in need across Long Island**, not only individuals experiencing homelessness.

Their current greatest need is for shelf-stable protein items, including: Canned tuna and chicken, Pasta, Rice and beans, and Peanut butter. For your convenience, donations may be made directly through their [**Amazon Wishlist** - https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2CXXJFQN0RC4V?ref=cm_sw_r_apin_ggr-subnav-share_3APETJNEMQAF0ANM1&language=en-US], or you are welcome to bring items to the church.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Bing. Thank you for helping to share God's love through your generosity and compassion.

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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