



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
Sunday, September 18, 2022**

Service is In-Person, on Zoom and You Tube

ZOOM:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVElWUHNxbjVncnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>

Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735

OR

Click below and join us live on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIgSzyU3mrowysIflmKONcQ>

All: We praise You, God of all being! You give food to the hungry, set prisoners free, open the eyes of the blind, and lift the spirits of those bowed down. Because You are righteous, You sent Christ to redeem the lost and the wayward. We come into Your presence enlivened by Your Holy Spirit and full of new hope to give You the honor due Your glorious name. Amen.

***INVOCATION**

Into this holy temple, we have come, gracious God. This is not our church but Yours. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

“Glory Be to the Father”

#71

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Faithful God, whose mercy is offered to the just and the unjust, help us to reorder our priorities so the wealth we possess becomes a tool, not an idol. We would use our wealth to address problems You call us to solve, to win others to Your way of love, and to heal the brokenness of Your world. Bless our learning and our doing, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God’s gift to us is a quiet and peaceable life, full of dignity and godliness.

PRAYER HYMN

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

#375

Please write your prayer requests – joys and concerns on the prayer slips found in the pew racks, and pass them to the ushers for collection during the prayer hymns.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM

“Come Build a Church” – Medema

The Chancel Choir

AN ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF AN APPOINTMENT

Shanna Wurth, Chair of Staff and Parish Relations Committee:

Dear friends, today we welcome Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, who has been appointed to serve as a pastor. We believe that she is well qualified and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop Thomas J. Bickerton.

Shanna: Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, you have been sent to live among us as a bearer of the Word of God; a minister of the Sacraments; and a sustainer of the love, order, service and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor: Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of this congregation.

Leader: Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service, will you, who celebrate this new beginning, support and uphold Rev. Claire Hojung Wu in these ministries?

Congregation: We reaffirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

Shanna: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger,

Congregation: who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

LET US PRAY: (UNISON)

Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together, with Rev. Claire Hojung Wu as our pastor. Give her and us patience, courage, and wisdom so to care for one another and

challenge one another that together we may follow Jesus Christ, living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Danny Gastelua, Lay Leader, to pastor:

Rev. Claire Hjoung Wu, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word. Amen.

Take this water, and baptize new Christians in this place. Amen.

Take this bread and cup, and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. Amen.

Receive this stole, signifying your ordination, and shepherd us as our pastor. Amen.

Pastor: This yoke has been laid upon me, and I willingly take it upon myself.

LET US PRAY: (UNISON)

Lord God, bless the ministries of Your Church. We thank You for the variety of gifts You have bestowed upon us. Draw us together in one Spirit, that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body. May your word be proclaimed with faithfulness, and may we be doers of Your Word and not hearers only. As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism gather at His table and then scatter into the world, may we be one in service to others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL HYMN

“Just As I Am”

SCRIPTURE READING Timothy 2:1-7

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 15:11-32

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

#601

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE “Lord Christ, Be Ever Near Us” – Werle

INTRODUCE GRACE GAREY, NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO OUR CONGREGATION

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

“Here I Am, Lord”

#593

***DOXOLOGY**

#95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

We who have spent much on our own pleasures are pleased to share that others may obtain the necessities of body and spirit. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to support the ministry and mission of our congregation. May there be a harvest of righteousness among us, shown in the peaceful handling of disputes, in mutual love and support, and in courageous outreach to people near and far who need the help we can give. Bless each gift and giver. Amen.

A BACK-TO-SCHOOL LITANY

Leader: As we begin this new school year, we give thanks that God has given us the ability to learn many things in many ways.

All: We learn in school, but we also learn in church, in our family, in our community, and in the world.

All: Learning is a gift from God.

Leader: The Bible tells us that Jesus learned and studied, just as we do.

All: And Jesus grew in wisdom.

Leader: We ask God's blessing on this new school year, that it may be a time when we appreciate and fully use God's gift of learning.

All: We ask God to bless our schools and teachers.

Leader: We ask God to bless our classmates and friends.

All: We ask God to bless our principals, counselors, and librarians.

Leader: We ask God to bless those who prepare our lunches, those who drive us to school, and those who keep our schools clean and safe.

All: We give thanks to God for books and computers and all the things that help us learn.

Leader: We give thanks to God for the gift of learning!

Pastor's Prayer: Loving God, sometimes a new school year seems exciting or scary or both. Sometimes school is great, and sometimes it is hard. But we know that whether we are excited or scared, You are with us. We know that whether school is great or hard, You are with us. We thank You for always being with us. Help us to remember to show our thanks for Your gift of learning by doing our best every day. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND THE SCHOOL YEAR

*HYMN "Forth In Thy Name, Oh Lord" #438

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Benediction Hymn" #3182

*PLEASE stand if you are able

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

Upcoming Liturgists:

September

18 Shanna Wurth

25 Barbara Schmidt

October

2 Betty Gastelua

9 T/B/A

16 Karen Gierie Newman

23 Diane Puchta

30 Jeff Ridley

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS

9/18 Homecoming Sunday; outdoor Blessing of Backpacks, 11:00 - 11:15AM

9/21 Fall Bible Study via Zoom, 10 am

9/21 Nomination Committee, 7:00 pm

9/26 Church Council, 7:00 pm

9/28 Finance Committee, 7:30 pm

10/8 Yard Sale / Columbus Day Fair, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

10/9 Farmingdale Parade, Approx. 4:30 pm

WELCOME ALL OUR ZOOM & YOU TUBE WORSHIPERS.

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Our yard sale is in conjunction with the Farmingdale Street Fair. We need volunteers to help on the Friday night, before, to help bring things from the church to the Thrift Shop. We also need volunteers to help setting up, manning tables and clean on the day of the sale. There will be a sign up sheet in fellowship hall or you can reach out to Shanna Wurth or Denise Andrews. Youth are encouraged to help and this would qualify for service hours.

10/9 Farmingdale Parade, Approximate time is 4:30pm.

Our church will be marching in the parade. We hope to have several members participating. More details to follow, such as line up location and exact time.

Coffee Hour is Back!

Please sign up to serve. There will be a sign up sheet in fellowship hall. Today we have a special coffee hour to welcome Pastor Claire and to welcome everyone back to church.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

FRIDAY LADIES SMALL GROUP MEETS AT 7:30PM ON ZOOM

SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

MEETS AT 8:00AM-9:00AM

ON ZOOM

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