



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 29, 2023**

Service is In-Person or on Zoom

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 “Immortal, Invisible” – G. Peterson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “I Sing Praises to Your Name” FWS #2037 (VV 1, 2 & 1)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather together to hear voices of faith and courage.

Listen for the ways God has acted among us.

Our ancestors in the faith listened for God’s word.

They dared to believe God’s promises.

Leaders like Moses and Paul saw evidence of God’s work.

They believed they were face-to-face with God’s truth.

They looked beyond the present moment.

They lived for dreams not yet realized.

Many felt God’s love in knowing Jesus.

They experienced a new relationship with neighbors.

We have come seeking community centered in Christ.

We want to feel God’s presence as we worship.

***OPENING HYMN** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” UMH #117 (VV 1, 5 & 6)

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the earth was formed, long before there were people on this planet, you were fashioning life in its myriad forms. Out of the billions of years you have been creating, our lives have to this moment of meeting. We stand in awe before you, amazed to discover that you care about us, tiny blips on the screen of eternity. O God, we want our lives to count for something. Show us how to fit into your plans. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we have missed your signs and wonders because we are so busy creating our own. Those around us who pretend to be your prophets offer little to which we aspire. Yet, we would pray with the psalmist, “Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so we may rejoice and be glad all our days.” Where is

the meaning we have missed in all our striving? Does Jesus hold the key when he says, “Love God with all your being,” and “Love your neighbor as yourself”? O God, we long to make sense out of life. Help us to follow your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

It takes courage to question the way things are, especially when present arrangements are to our benefit. We who are privileged seldom notice those who suffer and are shamefully mistreated. Yet we cannot ignore them. We can only suppress knowledge of the evil around us for a little while. God is even now nudging us gently, caring tenderly for us amid our confusion and inner turmoil. The favor of God is upon us, entrusting us with the gospel for our own lives and for the world. Receive forgiveness and blessing as good news.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM “Come, Let Us Join” – J.M. Martin
The Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2:1-9

***GOSPEL READING** Matthew 7:9-12

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” UMH #277 (VV 1 & 3)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

PRAYER RESPONSE “Amen, Amen” UMH #897

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY “Love the Lord Your God” FWS #2168
The Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

As we give ourselves and our offerings, we pray, O God, that they may reveal your love in such a way that many will respond. Awaken in us a love for you and for one another that is contagious. Remove from us all apathy, pretension and greed that we may grow in holiness and compassion, living joyously in communion with you. Amen.

***HYMN** “We are God’s People” FWS#2220 (VV 1, 3, 4)

***BENEDICTION**

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

5th – Danny Gastelua
12th – Sherry Tuscano
19th – Karen Gierie Newman
26th – Diane Puchta

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

November 2023

5th – Faustina & Vicki
12th – Smith/Muller
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:

SPRC Meeting – Monday, November 6th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, November 13th, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.
Church Council Meeting – Monday, November 27th, 2023 at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Food Outreach Ministry/Cooking Night** – Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Please join our cooking night to support those in need. Please see Mary Ann Nataro for more information.
- **CHARGE CONFERENCE: NOVEMBER 19TH, 2023 - COMMITTEE CHAIRS – IT’S THAT TIME AGAIN!** Our (in person) Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday, November 19th, at Hicksville UMC at 2:30 pm, so **we need all committee reports by November 5.**

Thank you!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

- FRIDAY LADIES SMALL GROUP MEETS AT 7:30PM VIA ZOOM
- SATURDAY MEN’S BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 8:00AM-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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