



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for the
6th Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024**

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
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

GATHERING “Let Us Break Bread Together” – arr Hegarty

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRELUDE** “I Come with Joy” UMH #617 (vv.1, 4, 5)
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come all who are born of God.

Abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

We come in response to the one who calls us friends.

We are here in obedience to Christ’s command.

Remember God’s steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let hands and voices echo God’s praise.

Let our lips pour out a joyful noise.

Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.

Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things.

Obey God’s commandments which are not burdensome.

We clap our hands and sing for joy.

We live by faith that conquers the world.

***OPENING HYMN** “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” W&S #3176

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

Come, Holy Spirit, to lift us from empty routines to the surprising joy of your love. Loosen our tongues to praise you with sincere delight. Open our hearts to trust your leading through times of difficulty and days of despair. Calm our doubts and guide us through the mires of fear. You have called us together for mutual support in a time of worship that unites our spirits. We remember that we have been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Teach us to follow where Christ leads. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #71

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR

THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Director of Music: David Majoros, D.M.A.

Rita Coughlin

Madison Milhous

Sharon Lensky

Mary Makosky

Erica Hamill

Diane Puchta

Barbara Grabowski-Schmidt

Kathleen Vecchione

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to treat people as things than to listen for their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. We hoard the gifts you entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for you. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Even now, God is giving us victory over the limitations we impose on ourselves. When we trust God's love, we can emerge from the shell of self-protection to celebrate the joy of friendship in Christ. We can dare to show love that is not dependent on others' responses. We can serve without the need for recognition. Praise God!

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

"Open My Eyes" – arr Martin

The Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 John 5:1-6

***GOSPEL READING**

John 15:9-17

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Clap Your Hands"

FWS #2028

SERMON

Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE

"Amen" - Ringwald

The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG

"Eternal Life"- Dungan

Sharon Lensky, soprano

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Generous and loving God, we dedicate to your service the work of our hands, the earnings of our time and efforts, and our vision for the future. May faith sustain us as we offer our best to you in praise and thanksgiving and joyous dedication. We seek to work for the reign of your truth and extension of the friendship granted to us in Jesus Christ. Let our offering bear fruit in the lives of all who are helped by it. Amen.

*HYMN “Victory in Jesus”

UMH #370

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE “Victory in Jesus”

UMH #370 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(* Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

May 2024

12th – Faustina Gyedu

19th – Betty Gastelua

26th – Diane Puchta

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

May 2024

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

Trustees Meeting, Tuesday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m.

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

Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, May 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council Meeting – Monday, May 20th 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://grouprev.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

- **Confirmation Sunday, May 12th** – We are excited to celebrate confirmation with our confirmands, Sunday, May 12th. Please keep our confirmands - Danielle Marie Iuliucci-Hansen, Maria D. Flores, Anna Edita Carle, Jazymyne Elly Muller - in your prayers.
- **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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