



## **FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Bulletin for the  
7th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 7, 2024**

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**Service is In-Person or on Zoom**

**ZOOM:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5166943424?pwd=TWtTVEIWUHNXbjVNcnNMaG9wTVJrZz09>**

**Meeting ID: 5166943424 Password 11735**

**\*The YouTube option is no longer available. Please use Zoom instead.**

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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  
Betty Gastelua, Liturgist

**GATHERING**      “‘Sicilian Mariners’ Hymn’ Meditation” - Janzer

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*PRELUDE**      “How Great Thou Art”      UMH # 77 (vv. 1, 4)  
+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is our God and greatly to be praised.  
Worship the One whose grace covers all our needs.

**The God of hosts is with us here.**

**We praise, with joy, God’s holy name.**

Ponder God’s steadfast love in the temple.

Practice sharing that love while we are together.

**God’s love is amazing, beyond our understanding.**

**We seek to share the love we are receiving.**

We are here to be equipped for the journey of life.

We have gathered that our daily witness might be empowered.

**Sometimes we are not strong enough to love.**

**We pray that God will use our weakness for good.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**      “All Things Bright and Beautiful”      UMH #147 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

## SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

### INVOCATION

God of faithful elders and lowly followers, our sure defense and faithful guide, we invoke your presence among us in this time of praise. Your name is proclaimed through all the earth, and by your hand we are made victorious over the unclean spirits and unbeliefs that stalk our paths. When we ponder your greatness, we are filled with awe. When we come to you holy mountain, we are amazed. Who are we to approach your majesty? How can we fulfill the covenant you offer us? Come, Spirit of truth, to show us the way. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**      UMH #71

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**When we ponder the vast universe at your command, O God, we are astounded. We are nothing, except that you have given us life. How often we have squandered that gift in meaningless pursuits, killing time we might have invested in honoring you! Instead we have belittled your prophets and made light of you commands. We alternate between boasting over our personal accomplishments and near-panic at our inability to cope with life's changes. O God, we confess our desperate need for healing, forgiveness and a new perspective on life. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rejoice in the judgements of God that are ever tempered with mercy. God understands our weaknesses and is acquainted with our needs. The grace of God is sufficient to cover our sin, for power is made perfect in weakness. When we recognize our weakness, God can strengthen us. When we accept the reign of love among us, we are empowered to be the church, reaching out to a sick and troubled world. Amen.

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE**

Hymnal 13

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)**

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Exodus 16:1-12

**\*GOSPEL READING** John 6:25-51

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "How Majestic Is Your Name"

FWS #2023

**SERMON**

Pastor Claire Wu

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY SONG** "Sweet Hour of Prayer"  
Congregational Hymn

UMH #496

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

**Thank you, God, for your steadfast love. We offer our praise; may it reach to the ends of the earth. We ask that our gifts empower ministry in this place and wherever our influence can reach. Let unbelief be turned to faith, ignorance to knowledge, sickness to health, brokenness to wholeness, both in us and in our neighbors near and far. Guide us, as we seek to invest our best for the sake of Christ. Amen.**

**\*HYMN** "Marching to Zion"

UMH #733 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** "Marching to Zion"

UMH #733 (Refrain)

*Our worship has ended. Our service begins.*

(\* Please stand as you are able.

***OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:***

**UPCOMING LITURGISTS:**

July 2024

14<sup>th</sup> – Faustina Gyedu  
21<sup>st</sup> – Danny Gastelua  
28<sup>th</sup> – Karen Gierie Newman

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:**

July 2024

14<sup>th</sup> – Smith/Muller  
21<sup>st</sup> – Jayme & Diane  
28<sup>th</sup> – 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](mailto:office@farmingdaleumc.org) and visit our website [farmingdaleumc.org](http://farmingdaleumc.org).

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Cooking Ministry – Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee Meeting - Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
- Church Council Meeting – Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**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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