

~~Love the sinner. Hate the sin.~~

# Just Love

Matthew 7: 1-5    Romans 3: 21-26

## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 6, 2023 | 10th Sunday after Pentecost | Holy Communion  
10:00 AM

Theme: Half Truths

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The God of steadfast love calls us together. We are gifted by God's promised presence.

*When we meet God, there is refuge for us. When we meet God, there is also struggle and pain.*

God calls us to daring commitment and service. God inclines an ear to us and hears our prayers.

*We come to hear God's promises once more. We dare to seek the new life Christ offers.*

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

*In awe and wonder, we meet you here, O God of the prophets and our God. We have struggled with you in lonely places and praised you in the company of your people. We have cried out to you, and you have shown your steadfast love. We have resisted you, and you have drawn us back into the circle of Christ's followers. Pour out your blessings and renew our spirits, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH 620++

#### MOMENT OF SHARING CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Michele Burrell

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 7:1-5

NT p. 6

#### SERMON

"Just Love"

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

Christy Conklin

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.*

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### \*OFFERTORY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Almighty God, we give you thanks for your abundant grace. May our gifts provide for those who seek refuge from doubt, oppression, ignorance, and calamity. We seek to grow in mercy and compassion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

UMH 15-16

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*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.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"It's Me, It's Me, It's Me O Lord"

UMH 352++

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link:

[www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC).

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website:

[www.milfordmethodists.org](http://www.milfordmethodists.org). It is located under the Worship Heading on the site.

**GREETERS** | Linda Ryder **LITURGIST** | Tammy Moglia

**FELLOWSHIP** | Church Mouse & Friends

**FLOWERS** | In Celebration of Learning Kits

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP SERVICE**

*(NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)*

Tuesday, August 8th 6:30PM **Reconciling Ministries Team** (Hybrid)

Friday, August 11th 6-8PM: **Family Game Night**—Sign up with Church Office

Saturday, August 19th 5-8PM **Back to School Kick-Off Teen Tie-Dye Party**

Tuesday, August 22nd 6PM **Finance Committee Meeting** (Hybrid)

Monday, August 28th 6:30PM **Vision Team** (Hybrid)

Tuesday, August 29th 6:30PM **Church Council Meeting** (Online)

The **August Communion Offering** is dedicated to supporting our HOME/SCHOOL LEARNING KITS PROJECT. In these challenging times, we at Milford United Methodist Church as doing our best to provide encouragement to youngsters and their families. We invite you to GIVE as you are able, LEARN about available resources by exploring the web site of the Pike County Public Library ([www.pcpl.org](http://www.pcpl.org)) and, of course, PRAY for all of our students as they return to school.



Thanks to all who participated in last Sunday's Noisy Offering! We collected \$196.10 which will be used towards our Shared Mission Giving, helping others throughout the world!

**PRAYER LIST:** David Kent, Marsha Smith, Carol Smith, James Bennet, Barbara Repenning, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Jodi Hancock, Gloria Schneider, Marge Carofano, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Kathleen Jewel, Michael Gilmore, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Robert Keuhne Sr., Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.