



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 26, 2023 | First Sunday in Lent | 10:00 AM

Theme: Final Words from the Cross

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us put away our hesitation to come before God.

God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

Let us quiet our fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?

Let us trust in the One who gives life and hope.

Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on a level path.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Eternal God, in this place our hearts take courage. Your goodness is all around us. The trials and cares of life are stilled before You. Show us your face, O God; let your love be known to us. We need this hour to remember who we are; to let you gather us under your wings. We need this time to feel close to one another and recognize ourselves as brothers and sisters. We need reminders of the humanity and glory of Jesus that empower our discipleship. Hear our cries and help us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“The Old Rugged Cross”

UMH 504++

CONNECT MOMENT

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:26-34

NT p. 89

SERMON

“Father Forgive Them”

HAND BELL CHOIR

“Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

by P.T. Hentz

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

“To God Be the Glory” (vs. 1)

UMH 98

*CLOSING HYMN

“Freely, Freely”

UMH 389++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

GREETERS | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Pam Houskeeper
FELLOWSHIP | Richard & Steven Bloomer-Teague

*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament
UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing
++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

PRAYER LIST: Kevin Walter, Jane Ostrowsky, Debbie Conklin, Those affected by the earthquake in Syria & Turkey, The Family of Nicole Dunn Hernadez, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, those affected by the Pittsburgh train derailment, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, Joyce Van Nest and Family, Raymond Vetter, Jeffrey Buyse, Ruth Townsend, Jay Norejko, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Valerie Dimatteo, Maureen Tresenreiter, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Gina Bebenroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Gina Alfano Walsh, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

WE WELCOME ALL!

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

www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC.

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

www.milfordmethodists.org. It is located under the Worship Heading on the site.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Every **Sunday at 9:30 AM**

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every **Sunday at 11:30 AM** following worship service

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

FINANCE: Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 PM (online)

MEET THE AUTHOR—"THE REJOICING HEN": TODAY February 26, Noon (Community Rm)

CHURCH COUNCIL: Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 PM (online)

CONFIRMATION CLASS: March 5 & 19 at 2:00 PM (Community Rm)

RECONCILING MINISTRIES: Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 PM (in person & online)

VISION TEAM: Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 PM (in person & online)

(**ZOOM LINK:** bit.ly/MUMCZoom)

UMCOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT: On March 5, we will join thousands of other United Methodist Churches in observing UMCOR Sunday. This special offering is designed to underwrite UMCOR's administrative costs. Our collective generosity allows UMCOR to direct 100% of all fund given to specific and much needed humanitarian responses and recovery efforts. In 2022, churches throughout the connection gave almost \$2.2 million on this special Sunday! As always, you are urged to GIVE as you are able, LEARN (UMC.org/UMCOR) and PRAY for victims of disaster everywhere.

FOR THE KIDS: Starting today!! Each Sunday in Lent, prior to worship service, Children & Youth are invited to hunt for an Easter egg. They will be hidden in the narthex, sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall.

PIZZA & GAME NIGHT: Friday, March 3, 6-8 PM in the Community Room. Please RSVP to the office.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: Soup Suppers at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room followed by a Praise Service at 7PM.

FELLOWSHIP SOUP: Join us **Sunday, March 12** during Fellowship hour as Marsha and Jack make soup for the congregation. The soup is a celebration for the friendly competition and successful can drive for Souper Bowl Day of Caring. All are invited.