



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 5, 2026 | 10:00 AM

6th Sunday after Pentecost | Holy Communion

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God with our full, imperfect selves.

We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

We gather as people who don't always know what to do in the face of difficult and complex circumstances.

We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

We gather as people who desire to follow God with our actions but struggle to connect what we want to do with what we actually do.

We come to delight in the law of God, who is Love.

Whether we come to worship today wondering if there is anything good left in the world or rejoicing in the small moments of goodness that remind us grace is still at work among us, we are all welcome here.

We come to delight in the law of God, whose grace shows us how to live, work, play, and rest as a community of faith woven together by Love. Amen.

* CONGREGATION STANDS AS COMFORTABLE CONGREGATION RESPONSE IN ***BOLD Italic***

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

*OPENING HYMN

"This is My Song"

UMH 437++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of heaven and earth, we gather in your presence with thanksgiving and praise for the ways in which you have revealed yourself to us. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, we have come to know and love you; we have witnessed your love and mercy in action; we have caught a glimpse of your heart, and we have received the call to follow. Continue to reveal yourself to us as we worship today. May your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your presence here, and to the word that you have for us this morning. We long to meet you in this sacred space, and to know you better, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

NT p. 157

SERMON

"Delight in the Law"

HYMN RESPONSE

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

UMH 402

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious Redeemer, you know us completely—our good intentions, our wavering will, our stumbling steps. Like Paul, we confess the war within us: we long to do what is right, yet too often fall short. Still, you meet us with mercy and grace. And so we bring these offerings, not to earn your favor, but to respond in gratitude for a Savior who rescues us from sin's grip. Use these gifts, and use us, to offer hope where there is despair, light where there is shadow, and love where there is brokenness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Friends, hear the good news: God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus the Son cleanses us from all sin.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15-16

LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP *(Everyone is invited to come to the rail to receive 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

"America, the Beautiful"

UMH 696++

*BENEDICTION

For all that has been...*Thanks!*

For all that will be...*Yes!*

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

GREETER | Pat Moulton & Jim Snodgrass LITURGIST | Liz Steen

FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR | The Geno Family USHERS | Lorna Cuevas

PRAYER LIST: Family of Harry Moulton, Linda Kent, Dorothy Steen, Linda Grady, Betsy Gramer, Steve Swanson, Jerry Graham, Joe Allred, Teresa Graham, Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Cassie, Gwen Gilmore, Pam Sackett, Bradley Seltzer, Beth Klopfleisch, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, Connie & Fred Lamando, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Barbara Urban, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Joanne Green, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Geoff Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, James Bennet, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

- **CHILD CARE AVAILABLE** *(NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)*
 - **CRAFTY LADIES:** Thursdays at 9:30-11:30 AM in Community Room

MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE and (H)MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

BIBLE STUDY - WILL RESUME 9/14 Mondays 6:30PM (H)

- Friday, July 10th 6-8PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Church
- Thursday, July 16th 7:30-9:00 PM— FAITH & FICTION BOOK GROUP
- Tuesday, July 21st Noon—MS Support Group (H)
- Wednesday, July 22nd 6:30 PM—One Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- Sunday, August 2nd 12-4PM—PIKE PRIDE at AKENAC PARK
- Friday, August 7th 6-8PM—Pizza & Game Night (Fellowship Hall)—Let us know if you plan to attend, call or email the office, thank you!
- Tuesday, August 11th 7-9PM—OUTREACH MINISTRIES MEETING

This Sunday's Communion Offering will go towards Shared Mission Giving

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: We are looking for a few volunteers to lead our July Hands On Outreach Project, Back to School Learning Kits. This involves creating a list of needed items, getting the word out for donations needed, collecting them, getting volunteers to assemble and deliver the kits. Contact Jodi Hancock for more info or to say, YES!



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