



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 20, 2026 | 10:00 AM

17th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: A New Vision

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor | Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, like Peter, James, and John, Jesus calls to us from the shore-lines and the sidelines of life. Will we leave everything behind and follow?

Yes, we will follow!

Jesus calls us to work together, to build up the Body of Christ as we mature in faith. Will we leave everything behind and follow?

Yes, we will follow!

Jesus calls us to grow, to become disciples formed in the likeness of Christ. Will we leave everything behind and follow?

Yes, we will follow!

Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

Today, we choose once again to leave behind everything and follow Christ, who forms us as disciples, that we may live as disciples who transform the world. 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 “The Summons” (vs. 1,2, &5) TFWS 2130++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Loving God, who surrounds us with grace, help us know your presence and receive your guidance today, that through our gathered worship, we might continue to build up the Body of Christ as we grow in maturity as disciples of Jesus Christ. In his precious name we pray. Amen

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PEACE POLE PRESENTATION

*HYMN “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH 431++

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 5:1-11 NT. p.62

SERMON “Formed by Christ”

ANTHEM “Come, Sing Unto the Lord” Joseph M. Martin

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow” UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator God, you call us from the shallows into deep water, where trust replaces certainty, and obedience becomes joy. As we offer these gifts, we remember that discipleship is more than surface faith; it is a willingness to follow Christ into risk, truth, and love. Take what we bring and shape it for your purposes and to draw others into following your deep, life giving grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CLOSING HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (vs. 1,2, &4) UMH 396

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

GREETER | Joan Arlequeeuw **LITURGIST** | Nancy McCallum
COFFEE HOUR | Church Mouse

Peace Pole dedication Taize Service

Monday, Sept. 21st • 5:00 PM



A special Worship Service and Pot-Luck Fellowship will take place on Sunday, October 18 10:00 AM

In celebration of our 200th Anniversary, the service will feature **Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi**, resident bishop of the Greater New Jersey and Eastern PA Conferences of The United Methodist Church, who will deliver the morning message to honor two centuries of faith, service, and community presence in Milford.

Following the 10:00 AM worship attendees are invited to stay for a celebratory pot-luck fellowship meal in the church hall. Guests are invited to bring a favorite dish, salad, or dessert to share as the congregation reflects on its rich history and fellowship.

PRAYER LIST: Barbara Urban and her sister Pat, Pat Moulton, Jean Hoff, Linda Ryder, Lorraine Gregory, Rhonda Leister, Marilyn Schultz, Jan Lucciola, Whit Trumbell, Bob Korn, Bob, Paula & Laura Hendricks, Sue Reimlinger, Adam Slate, Joel, Trudy Gelfand, Linda Kent, 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, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, 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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL (CHILDREN WILL BE ESCORTED TO CLASS AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

CRAFTY LADIES: Thursdays 9:30 AM

MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 8:30AM **BELL CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 11:30AM**

BIBLE STUDY - Mondays 6:30PM Conf. Rm (H)

ESL Classes: Mon 9:00-11:00AM & Tues 8:00-10:00AM in Conference Room
Fridays 11AM—FRIDAY FRIENDS Bible Study @ Twin Cedars—All Welcome

- **Monday, Sept. 21st—5PM International Day of Peace— Taize Service followed by PEACE POLE Dedication—Front Lawn**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 22nd Noon-1PM—MS Support Group (H) Conf. Rm**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 23rd 6:30PM—One Board Meeting (Conf. Rm.)**
- **Saturday, September 26th 5PM—Dinner Church Fellowship Hall**
- **Friday, Oct. 2nd 6-8PM—Pizza & Game Night (Fellowship Hall) RSVP for Pizza**
- **Saturday, Oct. 3rd 10AM-12NOON—Annual Church Conference —ALL Welcome!**
- **Sunday, Oct. 4th 1 PM—Blessing of the Animals—All Creatures Great & Small!!!**
- **Friday, Oct. 9th—6-8PM—Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church**
- **Thursday, Oct. 15th—Faith & Fiction Book Group (Conf. Rm.)** *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi
- **Saturday, Oct. 17th—Fall Community Arts Festival & Silent Auction 12-4PM**



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