



Hope is the picture of all
that God can accomplish

The Redemption of Scrooge

Hope

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 4, 2022 | 10:00 AM | 2nd Sunday of Advent

Theme: *The Redemption of Scrooge*

Holy Communion

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the ears of all people be attentive: the heavens are telling the glory of God.

Everything around us proclaims God's handiwork. Let us bow down and worship our Creator.

Day and night, God is at work among us. We are drawn together into one body, the church.

As we commune with God, we know we need one another. Let us honor the good to be found in all people.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

On this holy day we come together to make sense of our lives. We look to your Word, O God, as a source of understanding. Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence. Shower us with your truth and liberate us from our self-centeredness. Help us to build a world where mutual caring and support replace competition and violence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Richard & Steven Bloomer, Linda Torborg

*OPENING HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1, 3 & 4)

UMH 211++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:16-21

NT p.61

SERMON

"The Remembrance of Christmas Past"

ANTHEM

"Call to Advent"

by J. Jerome Williams

OFFERING & *DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

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

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 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH 203

*SENDING FORTH

GREETER| Linda Ryder LITURGIST| Nancy McCallum FLOWERS| Liz Steen in memory of Walter Steen
*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: Nicole Dunn Hernandez, Jay Norejko, The Family of Ros Williams, The Family of Nancy Farr, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, the Family of Robbie Schneider, the Family of Cesar Lecha, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Paul and Pat Ingold, Jean Troutman, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Barbara Myer, Joan Wortman, Valerie Dimatteo, Maureen Tresenreiter, Kelly Foster and family, Roy Sirel and family, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Henry Repp, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Gina Bebenroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Gina Alfano Walsh, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

The **DECEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING** will be received in support of **UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY**. In 2021, United Methodists gave \$272,159 toward ministries funded by this Special Sunday. Your gifts support over seventy loans and scholarships for United Methodist students. These funds are truly an investment in the future. Every dollar donated goes toward educating a new generation of principled Christian leaders for the church and the world. As always, GIVE as you are able, LEARN(You Tube/U.M. Student Day/Did You Know?) and, of course, PRAY for students everywhere. The WORLD is our parish!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 in Sanctuary.

CONFIRMATION CLASS for middle and high school students, will be held next **Sunday, December 11 from 4:00-5:30 PM in the Community Room.**

LOOKING AHEAD:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Tuesday December 6 at 6:00 PM. Online.

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE: Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 PM. Con. Rm./Online.

Join us **Sunday, December 11**, as we celebrate our **ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF BECOMING A RECONCILING MINISTRIES CHURCH** with a dedication of our new exterior sign and a brunch immediately following our 10:00 am service. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Eunice Vega-Perez will speak during worship, and offer the prayer at the sign dedication.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **(TEEN) ANGEL TREE** to help make Christmas just a bit more joyful for youngsters in foster care. Both unwrapped gifts and gift cards should be delivered to the church **no later than Sunday, December 18**. Thanks for your generosity!

Due to illness, the Christmas Open House at the Parsonage on Saturday, December 10 is postponed.

Please see the enclosed flyer for information regarding this year's poinsettia ordering.

All poinsettia orders are due in the office by 12 noon tomorrow, December 5.

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. If you would like to be on our email list, please contact the office at www.milfordmethodist@gmail.com or (570) 296-6124.