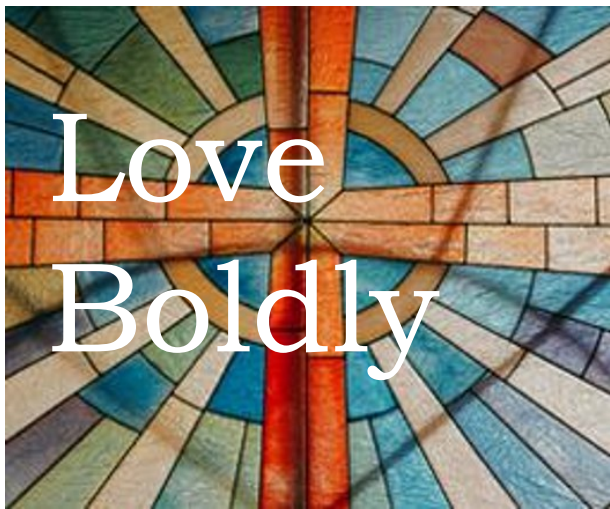




MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 4, 2026 | 10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

19th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: A New Vision

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor | Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, who are we?

We are disciples formed in the image of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Family of God, how does Jesus form us?

By loving us and showing us how to love.

Family of God, how does the Holy Spirit empower us?

By loving us and inspiring us to love others as Christ loves us.

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

We come to worship God, who shows us how to love and calls us to boldly love God and neighbor, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH 384

* 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

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Almighty, all-merciful God, you have taught us to love one another, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to even love our enemies. As we gather together let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Help us to encounter each person in light of the love and grace you have shown us through Jesus. Establish among us a future where peace reigns, justice is done with mercy, and all are reconciled. We ask these things in the name of the one you sent for our sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

NT. P. 49

SERMON

“Love Boldly”

ANTHEM

“At the Table of the Lord”

Jay Althouse

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Reconciling God, you have taught us what love looks like, and you have commanded us to live it. In a world that rewards fear and self-interest, you call us to risk loving with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Receive these offerings as signs of our obedience and as seeds of a kingdom where welcome is wide, grace is abundant, and love never holds back. We give, not from obligation, but from the joy of being shaped by your love in 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

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” UMH 614

*BENEDICTION

For all that has been...Thanks!

For all that will be...Yes!

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

GREETER | The Geno Family LITURGIST | Jack Donson
USHER | Rebecca Masters COFFEE HOUR | The Geno Family

A Special Worship Service and Pot-Luck Fellowship
Sunday, October 18 10:00 AM

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

PRAYER LIST: Nancy McCallum, Robert Everett, Barbara Urban and her sister Pat, 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

- Today, Oct. 4th 1 PM—Blessing of the Animals
- 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
- Sunday, Oct. 18th—Special 200th Anniversary Service with Bishop Moore-Koikoi followed by a celebratory Pot Luck in Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, Oct. 24th 5PM—DINNER CHURCH—A different way to worship, come break bread with your Church family and bring a dish to share. Meet in Fellowship Hall



A Blessing of the Animals witnesses to the Church’s love, care, and concern for God’s creation. Join us at 1:00pm and bring your pets (All Creatures Great and Small!) for a time of worship and celebration.

TODAY’S COMMUNION OFFERING IS DEDICATED TO OUR SHARED MINISTRIES
(APPORTIONMENTS). THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



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