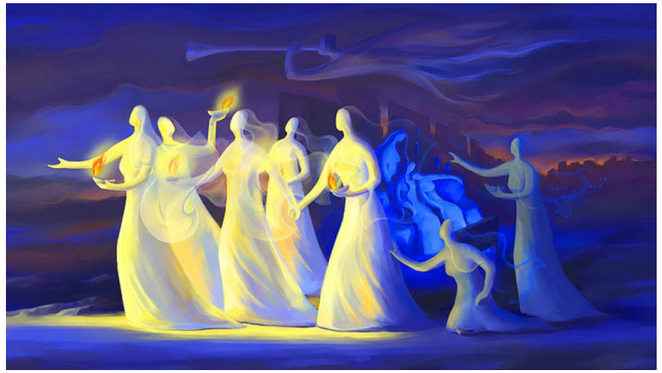


MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 8, 2026| 10:00 AM

24th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Kingdom Living

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

Special Musicians: Steven Bloomer-Teague, Maria Cirillo-Lein, Lorna Cuevas, Nancy Heim, Carolyn Krejmas, Marcus Lovallo, Sarah Lubrano, Nancy McCallum, Laurie Oscepinski, Gregg Rhodes, Tom Stukane, Hannah Tomcyzk

GATHERING SONG "Draw the Circle Wide" W&S 3154-*see insert*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Liz Steen

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Family of God, rejoice! The kingdom of God is all around us!

We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Sometimes we grow weary in the waiting, and we wonder if we are watching and working for nothing.

We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

Sometimes God surprises us, and we are overwhelmed by joy and wonder at all God is doing among us.

We gather to encourage one another to keep awake and watch, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

* 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** "In Christ Alone" W&S 3105++ *see insert*

PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of holiness, awaken us to your hopes and dreams, spoken to us in parables that we might pay careful attention to your words. Tell us stories about our grand-parents in the faith, so we might become mentors to our grandchildren, and to future generations. Fill us with the holy oil of generosity and grace, making us ready to welcome Jesus into our lives and opening our hearts to those who are in need. On this day, we choose to serve you, God in Community, revealed through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Laurie Osczepinski

CHILDREN'S MUSIC "Alleluia (Shake A Hand)" /"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"

DRAMATIC READING and INTERPRETATION Matthew 25:14-30 NT p.28-29

SPECIAL MUSIC "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

OFFERING "In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful" TFWS 2195++

***DOXOLOGY** "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Watchful God, you call us to keep awake—to live with open eyes and attentive hearts, ready to recognize Christ in the needs and joys that surround us each day. As we bring these gifts, keep the flame of compassion burning within us. Fill us with the oil of kindness, generosity, and holy attentiveness, that our lives may shine with your love in a world too often dimmed by fear and indifference. Use these offerings and our willing spirits to bring light, hope, and welcome to your children, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Richard Bloomer

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty God, may all who confess your name be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others, and to your honor and glory.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Jesus loves us.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share one day with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.
We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together, saying…

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895
***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CLOSING HYMN** "Christ Beside Me" TFWS 2166++
***BENEDICTION**
For all that has been…***Thanks!***
For all that will be…***Yes!***
***SENDING FORTH**
Family of God, we breathe in deep and remember, the kingdom of God is close at hand,
As close as the neighbor in our pew, as close as the warmth of the sun, the rustle of the leaves, the whisper of the wind.
May God bless us with a deep assurance of God's closeness and inspire us to participate in the goodness of God's work among us.
God encourages us through the ongoing ministry of the body of Christ to keep awake! We will watch for the good news at work all around us. Amen and Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

GREETER |Penny Seltzer **LITURGIST |** Jack Donson
COFFEE HOUR| Church Mouse

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

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 8:30AM
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 11:30AM
ESL Classes: Mon 9:00-11:00AM & Tues 8:00-10:00AM in Conference Room
CRAFTY LADIES: Thursdays 9:30 AM

- **Thursday, November 12 at 1:00 PM—Craft & Bake Sale setup**
- **Thursday, November 12th 7:30PM—Faith & Fiction Book Group (Conf. Rm.) Book: "Theo of Golden"**
- **Friday, November 13 & Saturday, November 14 9:30AM-3PM—Annual Craft and Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall**
- **Sunday, November 15 at 4 PM—Church Planning Meeting: All are welcome. This meeting is to plan out missions and ministries for 2027.**
- **Thursday, November 19-Saturday November 21: various times—Thanksgiving distribution at Food Pantry (see Jodi Hancock or Rebecca Masters for more information)**
- **Sunday, November 22 @ 4PM—Community Thanksgiving Service at Milford Borough Hall**

PRAYER LIST: Angelo, Will Luis & Jessica Abbott and family, Jeff and Diane Fornoff, Barbara Urban and her sister Pat, Jean Hoff, Linda Ryder, Lorraine Gregory, Rhonda Leister, Marilyn Schultz, Jan Lucciola, Whit Trumbull, Bob Korn, Bob, Paula & Laura Hendricks, Sue Reimlinger, Adam Slate, Joel, Trudy Gelfand, Linda Kent, 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

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