



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 4, 2024 | Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost | Holy Communion  
10:00 AM

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor  
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Holy Name.*

**People:** *Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.*

**Leader:** *Bless our God, O People, let the sound of praise be heard.*

**People:** *I will extol thee, my God, and bless your name forever.*

**Leader:** *Let us be thankful for the Lord's steadfast love.*

**People:** *The Lord is good to all, and the Lord's compassion is over all.*

\* 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**                      "To God Be the Glory"                      UMH #98++

### PRAYER OF CENTERING (unison)

*Lord, we gather as your thankful people, for you nourish us body and soul. God, like a baker, you bring the leaven which causes our hopes to rise. With your strong and gentle hands, shape our lives. Warm us with your love. Take our common lives and touch them with your grace today, that through you we may nourish hope among humanity. Be with us now. Amen.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**\*PSALM 62**                      "For God Alone My Soul Waits in Silence"                      UMH #787

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**                      Jonah 3:1-5, 10 & 4:1                      OT p. 860

**SERMON**                      "Illusion and Delusion"                      Rev. Will Nichols

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE**                      "I Am Thine, O Lord"                      UMH #419

### OFFERING

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"                      UMH 94++

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Gracious God, we thank you for providing so bountifully for our needs. Accept these gifts we offer in our gratitude and bless them for your use that others may live abundantly, 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

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**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** “Rescue the Perishing” UMH #591

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**GREETER** | The Hancock Family **LITURGIST** | Jack Donson  
**FLOWERS** | Sign up with Church Office **FELLOWSHIP** | Liz Steen

UMH 15-16  
UMH 895

**PRAYER LIST:** Bobbie Myer, Richard Holt, Rodger Grady, Gloria Schneider, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Roger Swanson, Jay Norejko, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Michael Gilmore, The Whateley Family, Fred Myers, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Karen Boehning, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Dianne Siconolfi

**LEARNING KITS FOR KIDS:** The Outreach Team invites you to help pack up the Home/School Learning Kits for youngsters and families in our community. We will meet on **Thursday August 8th at 9:30 AM.** Donations are still welcome and can be placed in the Marked bins in the narthex or the lobby by the church office. Thank you!

**AUGUST COMMUNION OFFERING**

Did You Know that [Africa University](http://Africa University) is the first and only fully-accredited institution of higher learning established on the African continent by action of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church in 1988. Information can be found at <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/umcgiving/apportion-funds/africa-university-fund-resources>

**IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION**

**CHILD CARE AVAILABLE** (NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL HAVE A SUMMER SESSION!!! THE SESSION WILL BEGIN TODAY**

(CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO GO TO THE NURSERY AFTER CHILDREN’S MESSAGE)

- **CHOIR & BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: WILL RESUME AUGUST 25th**
- **CRAFTY LADIES: Thursdays 9:30 AM**

**MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](https://bit.ly/MUMCZoom)**

- **Sunday, August 4th 12-4PM** Pike County Pride @Akenac Park Rt739
- **Thursday, August 8th, 9:30 AM** Packing of Home/School Learning Kits
- **Friday August 9th 6:00 PM** Family Game Night—RSVP for Pizza
- **Tuesday, August 20th 6PM** Finance Meeting (H)
- **Tuesday, August 27th 6:30PM** Church Council Meeting
- **Friday, August 30th 6:15PM** Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church

***Pastor Jenn will be on vacation August 4-16, Rev. Will Nichols will be available for pastoral care and can be reached at 917-293-8040***

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

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