



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 22, 2023 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM

Theme: **Sharing Abundance**
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this morning to recognize the blessing of God in our lives.

That blessing comes in the transformation of our lives, as God intends.

May the poor be filled. May the grieving find comfort.

May those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, find peace.

May the suffering find the kingdom of God. May the merciful find mercy.

This is our prayer. May we be a blessing.

* CONGREGATION STANDS AS COMFORTABLE CONGREGATION RESPONSE IN ***BOLD Italic***

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of compassion, whose provision for us is marvelous beyond all expectation, be present with us in this sacred time. Feed us with your Spirit and nurture us with your love. When our resources seem as nothing, multiply among us a generosity that makes it possible to share the little we have. Direct our vision beyond ourselves, that we may be faithful participants in your work of feeding the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH 64++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 9:12-17 NT P. 69

SERMON "Feed Them"

ANTHEM "Here I Am, Lord" Jack Schrader

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful God, you have given us this moment to respond to the many ways you've blessed us. You've brought us forth from death to life, from regret to forgiveness. May these tokens of our gratitude, together with your blessing, bring fulfillment and life to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (verses 1 & 4) UMH 629++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

GREETERS | Gregg & Sue Rhodes **LITURGIST** | Laurie Oszczepinski
FLOWERS | Sign up with office **FELLOWSHIP** | Robert Bloomer

PRAYER LIST: Pat Moulton, Agnes Halsey, Dale Chanson, Sherry Raser, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, Geoff Peckham, James Bennet, Barbara Repenning, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Jodi Hancock, Gloria Schneider, Marge Carofano, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Kathleen Jewel, Michael Gilmore, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Robert Keuhne Sr., Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi

WE WELCOME ALL!

Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!

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.milfordmethodists@gmail.com or (570) 296-6124.



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IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS 10:15 IN EDUCATION WING

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

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 11:30 AM in Sanctuary
- **CRAFTY LADIES:** Thursday at 9:30 AM Meets in Craft Room

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

- Tuesday, October 24th 6:30PM CHURCH COUNCIL (Community Room/Hybrid)
- Friday, October 27th 6:15PM Our Turn at the Ecumenical Food Pantry
- Sunday, October 29th 10AM CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
- Monday, October 30th 2PM POPCORN POPPING PARTY—help make treats for Halloween Trick-or-Treaters
- Tuesday, October 31st 4-8PM Church Open for Trick-or-Treaters
- Friday, November 3rd 6-8PM Family Game Night (sign up with office-Pizza Served)
- Saturday, November 4th 11AM CHURCH CONFERENCE- TrinityUMC, Hackettstown
- Wednesday, November 8th 6PM TRUSTEES (Conference Room)
- Friday & Saturday, November 10-11 10AM ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE

PRAY FOR PEACE ~ What our Social Principles Say ~ Nations and Cultures

As individuals are affirmed by God in their diversity, so are nations and cultures. We recognize that no nation or culture is absolutely just and right in its treatment of its own people, nor is any nation totally without regard for the welfare of its citizens.

The Church must regard nations as accountable for unjust treatment of their citizens and others living within their borders. While recognizing valid differences in culture and political philosophy, we stand for justice and peace in every nation.

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