



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 23, 2025 | 7th Sunday After The Epiphany

10:00 AM

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Father, We Praise Thee" Benton Price

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus teaches us, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." But who are the others?

The others are our enemies and friends, family and strangers.

Jesus teaches us, "Be merciful as your Father is merciful." But what is mercy?

Mercy means to act with compassion, to help without expecting anything in return.

Jesus teaches us, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." But how do we forgive?

We forgive by recognizing enemies, friends, family, strangers, and ourselves as people in need of compassion.

Let us worship God, who loves us and empowers us to love one another with mercy and compassion.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Freely, Freely"

UMH 389++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Holy God, you call us into a life that others have said is easy, but it is not. You challenge us to forgive, to love our enemies, and to bless those who curse us. We want to choose the easy way, but you challenge us with the hard path. Grant us the patience and endurance to journey with you, following in your way so that we might fully experience your grace and become a people full of love and compassion for others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (vs. 1) UMH 611++

BAPTISM *Belen Emerson Morris* see Blue Insert

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 6:27-38 NT p.64-65

SERMON "Do Unto Others"

BELL CHOIR "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" Arr. Lloyd Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Carlton R. Young

***DOXOLOGY**

“Give Thanks”

TFWS 2036++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Merciful God, you call us to love beyond measure. We humbly offer these gifts as a sign of our commitment to your teachings. Help us to love our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, and to bless those who curse us. May our offerings bring healing and hope, reflecting your boundless grace in our community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Pass It On”

UMH 572++

***BENEDICTION**

For all that has been...*Thanks!*

For all that will be...*Yes!*

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Grosser Gott

GREETER | Hancock Family **LITURGIST** | Jan Lucciola

FLOWERS | Sign up with office **FELLOWSHIP** | Pam Houskeeper & Lorna Cuevas

PRAYER LIST Barbara Brown, Nazareth, immigrants, refugees and marginalized communities, Connie Reed, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Jay Norejko, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Michele Burrell, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Camilla, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, Arlene Moglia, Michael Gilmore, The Whateley Family, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee

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:** No Meetings Until Further Notice—Winter Break

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

Tuesday, February 27th 6:30 PM—Church Council (H)

- **Wednesday, March 5th 7:00 PM—Taize Ash Wednesday Service**
- **Thursday, March 6th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—
“The Difficult Words of Jesus”**
- **Friday, March 7th 6-8PM— Pizza & Game Night (RSVP for Pizza)**
- **Thursday, March 13th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—
“The Difficult Words of Jesus”**
- **Friday, March 14th 6:15PM—Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church**
- **Tuesday, March 18th 6:30 PM—Finance Meeting (H)**

WE WELCOME ALL!

Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews.

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.

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