

Overflowing with Gratitude

*Rejoice always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you.*

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18 (NIV[®])



milford united methodist church

November 26, 2023 | Reign of Christ Sunday | 10:00 AM

Theme: Generous

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today hoping to be fed by God.

Sometimes we worry that what we have is not enough.

Jesus fed thousands with just five loaves and two fish: God will feed us today.

Praise God! The little we have is enough for God to receive, bless, and multiply.

God will provide enough for us and for others.

Glory to God. Amen.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Faithful God, remind us today that all things, great or small, can be used to bless our community. Increase our faith as we trust in your provision, and multiply our gifts as we connect with one another. We give thanks for expanding our hearts to love our neighbors, and we praise you for the many ways you have blessed us, our church, and our community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“We Gather Together”

UMH 131

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS: The Faith We Sing ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

MISSION MOMENT		Jack Donson
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 6:1-14	NT P. 97
SERMON	"Connection"	
BELL CHOIR ANTHEM	"There is a Fountain"	Arr. Susan Berry & Janet Van Valey
PASTORAL PRAYER		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		UMH 895
*PASSING THE PEACE		
OFFERING		
*DOXOLOGY	"Give Thanks"	TFWS 2036++
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
	<i>Almighty God, we thank you for those in this church who went before us, and whose generosity continues to bless us today. As we consecrate these gifts and dedicate them to your service we pray that we will bless future generations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i>	
*CLOSING HYMN	"What Gift Can We Bring"	UMH 87
*SENDING FORTH		
POSTLUDE		

GREETERS | Gregg & Sue Rhodes **LITURGIST** | Lorna Cuevas
FLOWERS | Sign up with office **FELLOWSHIP** | Lorna Cuevas

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.

PRAYER LIST: Family of Marge Carofano, Pam Houskeeper, Doug Houskeeper, Marie Fornoff, 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, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, 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

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

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

Please see enclosed insert for upcoming meetings, events and activities!

The **DECEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING** will be received in support of **UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY**. United Methodist Student Day was the original Special Sunday founded by United Methodist Church Sunday Schools who collected offerings to help advance education for their children. The fund was originally established in 1872 as the Children's Fund. Today, United Methodist Student Day Sunday has the same purpose, calling upon the denomination to support their students as they prepare for life by adding knowledge to their faith. Supporting this Special Sunday is truly an investment in our future.



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