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## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**April 17, 2025 | 7:00 PM**  
**Holy Thursday | Holy Communion**  
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor  
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

**PRELUDE** "Peace in my Soul" Tom Birchwood

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

*And also with you.*

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

*Christ has prepared a feast of love.*

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee" (verses 1-3) UMH 623++

### CONFESSION and PARDON

Christ shows us his love by becoming a humble servant. Let us draw near to God and confess our sin in the truth of God's Spirit.

*Most merciful God, we your Church confess that often our spirit has not been that of Christ. Where we have failed to love one another as he loves us, and where we have pledged loyalty to him with our lips and then betrayed, deserted, or denied him, forgive us, we pray. By your Spirit make us faithful in every time of trial, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. But Christ suffered and died for us, was raised from the dead and ascended on high for us, and continues to intercede for us.

Believe the good news: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

*In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.*

**\*PSALTER READING** Psalm 116 (*Sung Response 2*) UMH pp. 837-838

**BELL CHOIR ANTHEM** "What Wondrous Love is This" arr. Lloyd Larson

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** John 13:1-17, 34-35 NT p. 107-8

**SERMON** "Love One Another"

**ANTHEM** "No Other Lamb, No Other Name" Jay Althouse

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** “To Mock Your Reign, O Dearest Lord” arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

**\*DOXOLOGY** “Be Present at Our Table, Lord” UMH 621

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Merciful God, whose love knows no bounds, we bring our offerings as a reflection of your boundless grace. May these gifts be used to lift the lowly, to bind the broken, and to carry your love across every barrier. Empower us to stand together in service and love and to follow the path of Christ, who leads us to freedom and a new home in you. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

UMH 15-16

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**GIVING 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** “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” UMH 614

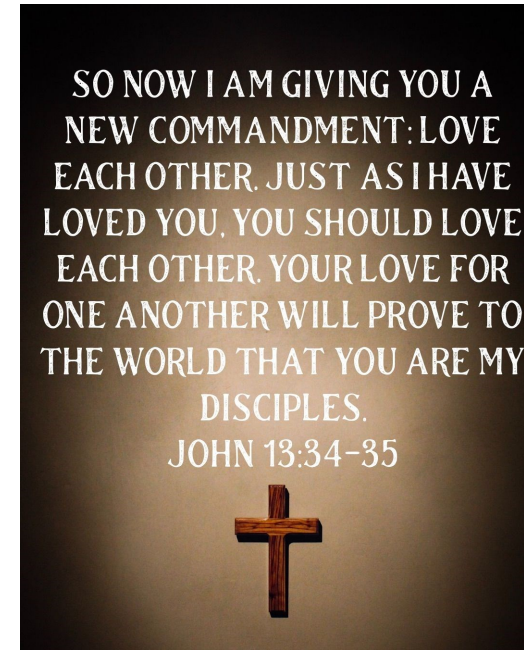
**\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Go in peace. May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep us and strengthen us this night, and forever. **Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

“ Go to Dark Gethsemane”

Richard Redhead



**Friday, April 18th GOOD FRIDAY**

**10 AM Community Walk of the Cross**  
*(Meet at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church 110W. Catharine St.)*

**7 PM TENEBRAE Service of Shadows**

**Sunday, April 20th 10AM EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
*Flowering of the Cross*

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

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

\* 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



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