



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 27, 2025 | 2nd Sunday of Easter
10:00 AM

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Sound the Trumpet of Victory" Patricia Lou Harris

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

In a world that often passes by, we gather to remember the Good Samaritan.

We come to remember that we are called to love our neighbors, in action, in heart, and in spirit.

Show us the way, O Lord, to love as You have loved us,

to serve as You have served us, and to heal as You have healed us.

We remember those who live in fear because of the economic and social chaos around us. With you, Lord, help us root out the evil that is destroying your people.

We stand together, remembering and healing, grateful for Your continued love and care. We come to worship committed to walking Your path of love and justice.

*OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH 89++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of power and majesty: With the rising of the sun, you have raised Jesus Christ and delivered him and us from Death's destruction. We praise you on this bright day for all your gifts of new life. Especially we thank you for: all victories over sin and evil in our lives, loyalty and love of friends and family, the new born and the newly baptized, the renewal of nature, and the continuing witness of the church of Christ. Be with us now in our time of worship and in our lives day by day.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Laurie Osczepinski

*PSALM 82

"Deliverance Belongs to the Lord"

UMH 804

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:25-37

NT p.71-72

ANTHEM

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

Arr. Lloyd Larson

SERMON

"Systemic Evil—Systematic Grace"

Rev. Will Nichols

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

UMH 420++

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“On the Day of Resurrection”

Mark Sedio

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, Holy One, our altar, our cloud: In the resurrection of your Son, you have brought us into your temple. Accept the sacrifices we offer, and draw us into the fire of your Spirit; through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Standing on the Promises”

UMH 374++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Arthur S. Sullivan

GREETER | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Dani Pentecharsky

FELLOWSHIP | Marilyn Schultz and Carolyn Susanowicz

Together – We Accomplish More

May’s Communion Offering will be dedicated to

The World Service Fund, one of seven apportioned funds of The United Methodist Church. It is the cornerstone for the funding of the connectional system of the United Methodist Church. The World Service Fund provides basic financial support to general agencies, which are especially important to the common vision, mission, and ministry of The United Methodist Church. Through World Service funding, agencies support annual conferences and local congregations in living out God’s mission for the worldwide Church. General agencies also provide essential services and ministries beyond the scope of individual local congregations and annual conferences through services and ministries that are highly focused, flexible, and capable of rapid response.



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:** Thursdays at 9:30AM

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

- **Thursday, May 1st 6:30 PM (H) - RMT Book Study—“THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP”**
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- **Friday, May 2nd 6:00-8:00 PM - Pizza and Game Night**
- **Thursday, May 8th 6:30 PM (H) - RMT Book Study—“THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP”**
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- **Friday, May 9th 6:00-8:00 PM - Ecumenical Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church**
- **Saturday, May 10th 11AM– 2PM Spring Community Arts Festival**
- **Saturday, May 10th 5:00-7:00 PM— “Mama Mia” Pasta Night Community Dinner**
- **Tuesday, May 13th 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting—Conference Room**

PRAYER LIST Samantha Aquino, Bill Davis, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Pete Rushton, Arlene Moglia, Maureen Tresenreiter, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, immigrants, refugees and the marginalized, Connie Reed, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Jay Norejko, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi, Patty Reynolds

WE WELCOME ALL!

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



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