



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 4, 2022 | 10:00 AM | 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost/ Holy Communion

Theme: Fruit of the Spirit

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

What does the LORD require of us?

***To seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.***

Come, Holy Spirit, and move us to action.

***That justice may roll down like water, and righteousness  
like an ever-flowing stream.***

We offer our worship today:

***The fruit of our lips and our lives, in praise and thanksgiving.***

### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140++

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Galatians 5:22-23, Matthew 6:25-34

pp. 191, 6(NT)

### SERMON

“Peace”

### SPECIAL MUSIC

### OFFERING & \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15-16

The Lord be with you.

**And Also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation, and concludes:)*

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

#### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*(Everyone is invited to come to the rail to receive the bread and the 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 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH 431++

#### \*SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

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**GREETER** | Linda Ryder **LITURGIST** | Jack Donson

**FLOWERS:** Presented by Rebecca Masters in Memory of her Dad, Don Kent

**FELLOWSHIP:** Marilyn Schultz, Lorna Cuevas, Carolyn Krejmas, Doris Weifert

\*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.

Key to abbreviations: UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing

++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

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#### PRAYER LIST

**Barbara Urban, Paul and Pat Ingold**, Jean Troutman, Alan & Karen Zuis, Carolyn Susanowicz's son and daughter-in-law, Sean Ehler, Ros Williams and family, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Barbara Myer, Joan Wortman, Valerie Dimatteo, Maureen Tresenreiter, Kelly Foster and family, Merissa Sims, Roy Sirel and family, Allison Efaw, Melissa Adams, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Donna Peter, Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Henry Repp, Joan McQuillan, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Gina Bebenroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Marie Buchanan, Gina Alfano Walsh, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's **COMMUNION OFFERING** is dedicated to UMCOR's ongoing relief effort in the Ukraine. As always, you are invited to GIVE as you are able, LEARN ([umcmmission.org](http://umcmmission.org) then click on Ukraine Response) and PRAY for peace in the conflict zone. Online donations in support of the work of UMCOR in Ukraine can be made at [umcmmission.org-Advance#982450](http://umcmmission.org-Advance#982450).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION MEETING** for all parents and students (friends are also invited!) will be held on **Sunday, September 11 at 9:00 AM**. All age groups are invited.

#### UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](https://bit.ly/MUMCZoom)

**FINANCE MEETING:** Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 PM. Online.

**TRUSTEES MEETNG:** Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 PM. Conference room and online.

**RECONCILING MINISTRIES TEAM MEETING:** Thursday, September 15 at 6:30 PM. Conference room and online.

**OUTREACH TEAM MEETING:** Monday, September 19 at 6:30 PM. Online.

**VISION TEAM MEETING:** Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 PM. Conference room and online.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 PM. Online.

**CRAFTY LADIES:** Every Thursday at 9:30 AM.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

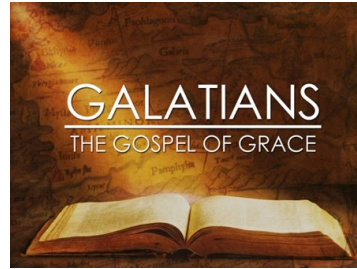
**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Every Sunday at 11:30 AM following worship service in Sanctuary.

It is time to prepare for the **next edition of the MUMC Newsletter!** Please submit all meeting dates, information, articles, and photographs no later than **9:00 AM on September 15**.

Join us for a 6-week Study of Paul's Letter to the *Galatians*, often called "***The Gospel of Grace***"

**Sundays at 12:00 PM** in the Conference Room beginning **September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, online** via Zoom Link [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](https://bit.ly/MUMCZoom) beginning **September 14<sup>th</sup>**



Join us for a six-week study of *The Shack* by William P. Young starting **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

We will meet **Thursday evenings from 7 to 8 PM** via zoom link: [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](https://bit.ly/MUMCZoom) or in person in the Conference room. When life events shake you to your core, do you turn to your faith or question it? Would you be willing to meet God face to face in order to find answers? Mark your calendars for the 22<sup>nd</sup> and join us as we journey to a new perspective! Lay-led book study. All are welcome.

