



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 19, 2026 | 3rd Sunday in Easter | Festival of God's Creation

10:00 AM | Theme: Stories That Matter

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, we gather today as people who spent the week surrounded by news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we carry the weight of being overwhelmed and anxious, wondering who we can believe.

We gather as people who long for peace, for God to break through and bring us clarity and hope once more.

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we don't always recognize when the Risen One comes alongside us, showing us the way where there seems to be no way.

We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the resurrected Christ.

* 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

Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

Easter people, God knows the burdens we carry, and God is faithful to meet us where we are with good news.

May the good news of the Resurrection astound us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

UMH145++

PRAYER OF CENTERING (unison)

O Great Spirit, whose voice we hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear us. We come before you as your children. We are small and weak; we need your strength and wisdom. Let us walk in beauty and make our eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. May our hands respect the things you have made, our ears be sharp to hear your voice. Make us wise, so that we may know the things you have taught your people, the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. We seek strength not to be superior to our brothers and sisters, but to live in harmony with ourselves and all of your creation. Help us to be ever ready to come to you, so when life fades as a fading sunset, our spirits may come to you without shame. Amen.

CREATION CARE MOMENT

Jan Lucciola

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DRAMATIC READING

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"Astounding News"

ANTHEM

"Lord of All Creation"

Jay Althouse

PASTORAL PRAYER

UMH 895

LORD'S PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, the signs of your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering witness to your grace and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Because He Lives”

UMH 364++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

GREETER |

LITURGIST | Janette Hendrick

FELLOWSHIP | Lorna Cuevas

PRAYER LIST: Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Sue & Gregg Rhodes, Cassie, Gwen Gilmore, Pam Sackett, Bradley Seltzer, Beth Klopfleisch, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, Pat Corcoran, Connie & Fred Lamando, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Barbara Urban, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Joanne Green, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Geoff Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi



IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILD CARE (IN COMMUNITY RM/NURSERY AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 8:30AM SANCTUARY

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 11:30AM SANCTUARY

CRAFTY LADIES: THURSDAYS 9:30 AM Craft/Community Room

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

TODAY, April 19th, 26th & May 3rd 12PM—New Member Class (Conference Room)

***BIBLE STUDY (Bible Basics) will be offered on Monday nights at 6:30pm for 4 weeks (4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11) and for 5 weeks in June (6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29)**

- Wednesday, April 22, 6:30 PM—One Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- Tuesday, April 28, 4PM—Nominations/Leadership Development Committee Mtg. (Conference Room)
- Friday, May 1 6-8PM – Pizza & Game Night (Fellowship Hall) – pls. RSVP to Church Office
- Saturday, May 2nd 12-4PM -Spring Community Celebration of the Arts
- Sunday, May 3rd 5PM – Green Team Nature Hike @ Cornelia& Florence Bridge Preserve



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