



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 9, 2023 | 10:00 AM

Easter Sunday

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

"Christ Lag in Todesbanden (In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay)"

J. S. Bach

WELCOME

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Celebrate with sincerity and truth. Christ is alive and offers new life to us.

We want to celebrate the good news, but the world does not believe our story.

God's promises come in the midst of our doubts; God's assurances are real amid our troubles.

God calls us now to this time of worship. Praise God, praise Christ! Let every thing that breathes praise the Risen Lord!

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Almighty God, the earth is shaken and nothing is the same. Defeat is turned to victory; death is overcome by life; the stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Meet us here, O God, amid events beyond our own understanding. You appear to us from afar, yet touch us where we are. Your love spans time and space, yet wraps itself around us here and now. Faithful God, we come seeking the things that are above, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN & FLOWERING OF THE CROSS**

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” UMH 302++
(During the singing of the hymn you are invited to come forward to place a flower on the cross)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” arr. Janet Van Valey & Susan Berry

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:1-18 pp. 114-115 (NT)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“In the Garden” UMH 314++

SERMON

“The Words After That”

CHOIR ANTHEM

“The Stone is Rolled Away” Don Besig

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING & *DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Almighty God, for the goodness you bestow, for the truth you reveal, for the acceptance you offer, we give you thanks. All that is ours, is yours. Help us to live that truth. Accept these offerings as our expressions of renewed commitment through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Thine Be the Glory” UMH 308++

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

GREETER| Penny Werner **LITURGIST**| Gregg Rhodes
FLOWERS| *sign up in Fellowship Hall*
FELLOWSHIP| Robert Bloomer

Key to abbreviations:

UMH| The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS| The Faith We Sing
++| *Someone's Favorite Hymn*

PRAYER LIST: Pam Trovato, Pam Townsend, Kathleen Jewel, Jodi Hancock, The Family of Charles Zuroff, Michael Gilmore, Kevin Walter, Debbie Conklin, Those affected by the earthquake in Syria & Turkey, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Jeffrey Buyse, Jay Norejko, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jenn will be on vacation April 13 through April 22.
If you have a Pastoral Emergency, please contact Rev. Will Nichols at 917-293-8040.

***The church office will be closed TOMORROW -
Monday, April 9 for the Easter holiday.***



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