



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 10, 2023 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

Theme: Three Simple Rules

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

O give thanks to God; call on God's name. Make known God's deeds among the nations.

***Sing to God, sing praises to God. Tell of God's wonderful works.***

Glory in God's holy name. Let the hearts of those who seek God rejoice!

***Seek God and the strength God provides. Seek God's presence continually.***

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

***We give you thanks, Holy God, for promises kept and blessings bestowed. Your Spirit reaches out to us, your glory surrounds us, and your saving acts introduce us to the realm of heaven we only dimly perceive. In this sacred time and place we would remember who you are and remind ourselves that we are nothing apart from you. You have made us for life in your love. Teach us now how to live as you intend, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

UMH 496++

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:15-17

NT P.116

#### SERMON

"Stay in Love with God"

#### ANTHEM

"Let Heavenly Music Fill this Place"

Gordon Young

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

#### OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

"To God Be the Glory" (verse 1)

UMH 98++

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Eternal God, all that we have, even life itself, are gifts from your generous hands. Because you have promised to work for good with those who love you, we dedicate our offerings to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369++

#### \*SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

**GREETERS** | Penny Werner **LITURGIST** | Liz Steen  
**FELLOWSHIP** | **FLOWERS** | \*sign up with church office  
Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament  
UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing  
++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

**PRAYER LIST: Ruth Russell, Lorna Cuevas, Martha Peldunas,** Pastor Diane Sommers and Ray Sommers, Kenn Sanders, David Kent, Family of Carol Smith, Geoff Peckham, James Bennet, Barbara Repenning, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Jodi Hancock, Gloria Schneider, Marge Carofano, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Kathleen Jewel, Michael Gilmore, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Robert Keuhne Sr., Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

**Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!**

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link:

[www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC).

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website:

[www.milfordmethodists.org](http://www.milfordmethodists.org). It is located under the Worship Heading on the site.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

*"I was a stranger  
and you  
welcomed me."  
-Matthew 25:35* Last Sunday's Communion Offering raised **\$467.00** which will support the mission of Immigration Law & Justice of the Delaware Valley. Well Done!

The 2023 Home/School Learning Kit Project was able to pack 67 kits, exceeding our ambitious goal of 60. This was an all-church effort and WE DID THIS, TOGETHER! The families at the Ecumenical Food Pantry were so happy and grateful to have learning resources for use at home. In addition, we were able to provide a large box of school supplies to Pike County Children and Youth in support of their Community Backpack Distribution on July 21.

**Our Thanks to the Trustees and volunteers who helped install new flooring in the Church and Pastor's Offices recently! Bill Arlequeeuw, Dave Oszczepinski, Greg Rhodes, Richard Bloomer and Beth and Ken Livingstone. Volunteers are the heart of the church! We appreciate all who give of their time, treasure and talents!**

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

**LAY-LED BOOK STUDY** (Hybrid) Wednesday in September! 13, 20, 27th 7-8PM

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

**FINANCE** Tuesday, September 19th 6PM (Hybrid)

**VISION TEAM** Tuesday, September 19th 6:30PM

**TRUSTEES MEETING** Wednesday, September 20th 6PM (Conference Room)

**CHURCH COUNCIL** Tuesday, September 26th 6:30 PM (Hybrid)