



# MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 25, 2026 | 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 AM Theme: Glory Revealed

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

***God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?***

When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

***God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?***

No matter what troubles we face, we seek after God and long to live in the house of God forever.

***God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.***

Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

***We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.***

\* 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

## \*OPENING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH 206

## \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

*Eternal God, you are the steadfast light of our salvation. In a world that trembles with uncertainty and teaches us to fear, you shine with unwavering hope. You call us to seek your face and trust in your presence more than in our own strength. Move among us, we pray, that your holy wisdom will guide our every step, and your abundant grace inspire us to be the people you have dreamed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

OT p. 503

## SERMON

"Carrying the Light "

## BELL CHOIR

"Christ is the World's Light"

Arr. Phyllis T. Hentz

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

UMH 895

## OFFERING

## \*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Almighty and Everlasting God, receive these gifts, given not out of fear but in joyful confidence that your love casts out all fear and that your grace makes us bold. Use our offerings to build a world where your light leads, your justice reigns, and your people—unafraid—become living testimonies of your goodness. In the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer, we pray. Amen.*

## \*CLOSING HYMN

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

TFWS 2173

## \*BENEDICTION

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

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

## \*SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

GREETER | Liz Steen LITURGIST | Laurie Osczepinski  
FELLOWSHIP | The Lubrano Family

**PRAYER LIST:** Family of Marie Fornoff, Connie & Fred Lamando, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Matthew Frey, Laurie Osczepinski, Barbara Urban, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Rhonda Leister, Pastora Veronica, Greg Hunt, Patrick Singer, Marshall Cooper, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Marie Fornoff, Scott Seltzer, Barbara Cooper, Beth Klopfleisch, David Scheer, Mike St. Jean, Joanne Green, Sue Rhodes, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam 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

**LENTEN SOUP & STUDY** There are 2 options available: Virtual Only, via our Zoom Meeting link on Sundays 5PM beginning February 22nd, or In-Person Only (with soup) on Monday evenings 6PM beginning February 23rd in the Conference Room. There will be a sign up sheet for soup to be provided for the Monday night group.

***“Entering the Passion of Jesus”*** The accounts of Jesus' Passion in all four Gospels are stories of failure and courage, despair and hope, political machinations and theological inspiration. In this 6 week Lenten study we'll delve into the history and literature of the last days of Jesus' life as we seek to understand and question our own lives through the stories of Jesus' trials and choices. This Lenten journey will challenge us to examine our consciences and find out how deepening our relationship with Jesus and the Bible brings us into closer relationship with others and the world. When we learn the history behind the texts we can read the Passion stories with compassion and see how much more meaningful they become.



Thanks for the cans of soup brought in so far, we will be collecting until Sunday, Feb. 8th!

## 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

\*\*New Group LIFE TALK : SUNDAYS 12:30PM in COMMUNITY ROOM

CRAFTY LADIES: WILL RESUME IN SPRING

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

- **Friday, February 6th 6:00 PM—Pizza & Game Night (RSVP by 2/5)**
- **Saturday, February 7th—“Love Songs” Cabaret Night 4PM**
- **Sunday, February 8th—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY**
- **Tuesday, February 10th—4:30-5:30PM Outreach Meeting ( Conference Rm)**
- **Friday, February 13th 6PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry at Good Shepherd**
- **Wednesday, February 18th—ASH WEDNESDAY 9AM—Ashes on the Go @Jeweler's Square (corner of Broad St. & E. Ann St.)**
- **Wednesday, February 18th—ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM—Taize Worship**
- **Thursday, February 19th 7:30 PM—Faith & Fiction Book Group (Peace Like A River by Leif Enger)**
- **Sundays 5PM, February 22nd—March 29th—Virtual Lenten Study**
- **Mondays 6PM, February 23rd—March 30th —Lenten Soup & Study**
- **Sunday, March 15th 4-7PM—Tastefully British Fish & Chips Fundraiser**

*Interested in getting involved in a ministry at MUMC? Come out to the Outreach meeting on February 10th at 4:30 - 5:30 in the Conference Room! You can get to know our ministries and leaders as we discuss our current plans, challenges, and future hopes!*

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