



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 18, 2026 | 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 AM Theme: Glory Revealed

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE Prelude on “New England” Colin Curtis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, who has God called us to be?

A light to all the nations!

When confusion, disunity, and misinformation threaten to undo us, who are we called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When wars and rumors of wars in our communities and around the world overwhelm us, who are we called to be?

A light to all the nations!

When the vulnerable are left without care or hope for flourishing, who are we called to be?

A light to all the nations!

Come! Let us worship God, who gives us as a light of good news to all the nations!

We come to worship God, who calls us and equips us to reflect God’s glory and abundant life into all the world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Christ Is the World’s Light” UMH 188

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Guide our feet, Lord. Show us the light of grace when we would judge others too harshly. Warm our hearts with the glow of your love when we would spew icy words of spite. Illumine our souls with joyful delight when sadness tries to take over the day. Shine brightly on us today, Lord, until we reflect your glory as a witness to this world. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7 OT p. 679

SERMON “Give You as a Light ”

ANTHEM “Song of Peace” Arr. George L. O. Strid

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Ever-Present and Calling God, knowing us from the beginning, naming us as your own, you have entrusted us with the holy work of bearing your light to the world. Though we often feel unworthy or uncertain, you remind us that your grace goes before us, and your strength works through us. Receive these gifts, offered with gratitude and hope. Use them—and us—to proclaim your justice, to shine your love to the ends of the earth, and to glorify your name. In the name of Jesus Christ, your Servant and our Savior, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “This Little Light of Mine” UMH 585++

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

GREETER | Penny & Michael Seltzer **LITURGIST** | Jan Lucciola
FELLOWSHIP | *Join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour*

PRAYER LIST: 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 Klopfeisch, 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

January-February "Hands On" Mission Project- Souper Bowl of Caring

Join in our annual tradition of collecting cans of soup for the Ecumenical Food Pantry during the Souper Bowl of Caring! The Ecumenical Food pantry goes through many cans of soup all year around and our collection has a great impact. Providing many different choices for a simple yet comforting meal is a great way to show love to our neighbors facing hunger. The Souper Bowl finale is Sunday, February 8th (same day as that lesser known Super Bowl event). After service that day, plan on staying after to take a group photo with all the cans as we pack them off to the food pantry!

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!

Prayer Shawls Needed, especially Baby Shawls. If you are interested in being part of our Prayer Shawl Ministry, please reach out to Nancy Heim for the pattern. Thank you!

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: WILL RESUME IN SPRING

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

- **Saturday, January 24th 2:15PM— One Board Planning Retreat (Will meet in Fellowship Hall)**
- **Friday, February 6th 6:00 PM—Pizza & Game Night (RSVP by 2/5)**
- **Saturday, February 7th—"Love Songs" Cabaret Night Details 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**
- **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)**
- **Mondays 6PM, February 23rd—March 30th —Lenten Soup & Study**
- **Sunday, March 15th 4-7PM—Tastefully British Fish & Chips Fundraiser**



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