



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 1, 2026 | 4th Sunday after the Epiphany | Holy Communion
10:00 AM Theme: Glory Revealed
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?
To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.
In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?
To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.
When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?
To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.
Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!
We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. 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 “What Does the Lord Require of You” TFWS 2174

*PRAYER OF CENTERING
Great God our teacher, example, and companion, you have shown us what is good. You call us to remember that what you require is not repayment of debt or settling the score, but faithful obedience. Show us, O Lord when to do justice, how to love kindness, and where to walk, humbly, with you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE
SCRIPTURE LESSON Micah 6:1-8 OT p.861-2

SERMON “What the LORD Requires”

ANTHEM “Offertory” John Ness Beck

OFFERING
*DOXOLOGY “What Gift Can We Bring” (verse 4) UMH 87
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God of Justice and Mercy, you ask only that we live with love, humility, and a hunger for what is right. Accept these gifts we bring—not as bargaining chips, but as signs of our desire to follow you. Use them and us to pour out kindness where the world is aching, to walk alongside the weary, and to bring your healing presence into troubled places. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH 15-16

LORD’S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP *(Everyone is invited to come to the rail to receive a piece of bread and to dip in the cup)*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” TFWS 2158

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST: Julie Oberstoetter, 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

GREETER | Jodi & Jack Hancock **LITURGIST** | Liz Steen
FELLOWSHIP | Join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour

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
LIFE TALK: SUNDAYS 12:30PM COMMUNITY ROOM
CRAFTY LADIES: WILL RESUME IN SPRING

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

- Friday, February 6th 6:00 PM—Pizza & Game Night (RSVP to office by 2/5)
- Saturday, February 7th—“Love Songs” Cabaret Night 4PM Fellowship Hall
- Sunday, February 8th—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY—Don’t forget to bring in your donations of soup!
- 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
- Friday, March 6th 6:00 PM—Pizza & Game Night (RSVP to office by 3/5)
- Sunday, March 15th 4-7PM—Tastefully British Fish & Chips Fundraiser

This Sunday’s Communion Offering will be dedicated to our Shared Ministry Giving. The Shared Ministry Fund is required giving that is apportioned equitably to all churches to support the numerous administrative functions, ministry programs and mission endeavors of our Greater New Jersey Conference.

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