



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 24, 2023 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 AM

Theme: **Sharing Abundance**

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, dwell in the shelter of the Most High; abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

God is our refuge and our fortress; in God we trust.

God is with us as we gather. God will keep us wherever we go.

How awesome is this place! This is the house of God and the gate of heaven.

* CONGREGATION STANDS AS COMFORTABLE CONGREGATION RESPONSE IN ***BOLD Italic***

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of our dreams and of our waking hours, we give you thanks for all your promises to us. You have set aside resources for our use. How awesome are your blessings in all the earth. Open our spirits to receive the gifts of your grace. Open our lives to receive your summons and answer your call. May we worship in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (verses 1 & 2) UMH 89++

BAPTISMAL HYMN “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” (vs. 1 & 4) UMH 611++

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM UMH p.39

Rocco Dean Colletta

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 28:10-22 OT p. 25

SERMON “Blessing?”

SPECIAL MUSIC “Silent Noon” Jonathan Fornoff/Elijah Keay

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we worship you with our offerings and remember all of your kindnesses to us. We strive to live gratefully every day as we recognize that we have been blessed in order to bless others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder” (verses 1-4) UMH 418

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST MUSICIAN | Elijah Keay **GREETERS** | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Pam Houskeeper
FLOWERS | Joan & Bill Arlequeeuw—In Honor of 56 Years Together!
FELLOWSHIP | Church Mouse & Friends
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: Family of Ray Sommers, Ruth Russell, Lorna Cuevas, Martha Peldunas, Kenn Sanders, David Kent, 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.

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website: www.milfordmethodists.org. It is located under the Worship Heading on the site.

If you would like to be on our email list, please contact the office at www.milfordmethodists@gmail.com or (570) 296-6124.

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 Conference Room.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE



We are Updating our Church Directory and looking to put faces to the names. Please drop by the Conference Room before or after Worship this Sunday and next to have your photo taken, it will only take a moment of your time. If this is not convenient, you can email a photo in jpeg format to milfordmethodists@gmail.com or you can drop a photo off at the office and we will scan and convert for you. We hope you will participate and help us make a directory that will help us to get to know one another better.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES STARTING IN OCTOBER



If you are interested in becoming a member of Milford United Methodist Church, or simply curious about us and want to learn more, we invite you to participate in our Fall New Member Classes. **Register with church office by Oct. 1st.**

WHEN: Monday, October 2nd and 16th 6:30-8:00PM

WHERE: In-person in Church Conference Room or via Zoom Link bit.ly/MUMCZoom



We are looking to grow stronger in several areas of the church and looking for those who are interested in being part of a team. The focus is on **WORSHIP, EDUCATION,** and **COMMUNICATION.** Please reach out to Pastor Jenn if any of these teams sound like they might be a fit for your interests and talents! Thank you!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 2023 On October 1, 2023, Milford UMC will join Christians all over the globe in celebrating World Communion Sunday. Our donations allow the UMC to award not only scholarships but also grants, mentoring and training in leadership development for aspiring church leaders around the world. As always, you are invited to GIVE as you are able, LEARN (umc.org/world-communion-sunday) and PRAY for those who are called to serve. The WORLD is our parish!

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

FINANCE Tuesday, September 26th 2PM (Hybrid)

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

LAY-LED BOOK STUDY Wednesday, September 27th 7-8PM (Hybrid)

CRAFTY LADIES Every Thursday at 9:30 AM



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