



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 6, 2025 | 5th Sunday in Lent  
10:00 AM

Theme: Steadfast Love: A Lenten Playlist

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor  
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Communion Offering will be dedicated to UMC's Ministerial Education Fund.

Last Week's Noisy Offering was \$ 220.05

*Thank You for your Generous Hearts!*

\* 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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.

*We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.*

We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.

*We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.*

We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God's love has never left us, and God's joy cannot be extinguished.

*God, restore us that we may know your love and your joy once again.*

We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.

*God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.*

### \*OPENING HYMN

"Christ for the World We Sing"

UMH 568

### PRAYER OF CENTERING

*Powerful God, we give thanks that you have called us to be your people. In our times of gloom, you have sent your light. When we are weary and discouraged, you lift us up. In our thirst for meaning and purpose, you bring us to living water in Jesus Christ. Set before us now the joy of discovery and a vision of future possibilities. Unite us in friendship with one another, with Christ as our center and inspiration. Amen.*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 12:1-8

NT p. 106

#### \*PSALTER READING

Psalm 126 (*sung Response 2*)

UMH 847

#### SERMON

"Fill Me with Laughter"

#### ANTHEM

"Sing Out to God"

Arr. Richard E. Voorhaar

#### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

#### \*DOXOLOGY

"My Tribute"

UMH 99

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Loving God, source of all joy, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude. As Mary poured out her love for Jesus with costly perfume, so do we pour out our gifts before you, seeking to honor you with all that we have. Help us to give extravagantly from hearts filled with gratitude and joy. Bless these gifts and use them to bring your hope to the world. In Christ's 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, we 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 the bread and 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**

"I Come with Joy"

UMH 617

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**GREETER** | Maryann Schneider **LITURGIST** | Leslie Lordi  
**FELLOWSHIP** | Carolyn Krejmas

**PRAYER LIST** Bill Davis, Jacob Hernandez, Ellen Orben, Robert Kelly, Rebecca Suarez, Pete Rushton, Arlene Moglia, Maureen Tresenreiter, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, immigrants, refugees and the marginalized, Connie Reed, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Jay Norejko, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, The Whateley Family, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee

**IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION**

**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)

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Sanctuary
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday at 11:30 AM** in Sanctuary
- **CRAFTY LADIES: Thursday at 9:30AM** in Community Room

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

- **Tuesday, April 8th 6:00 PM—Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)**
- **Thursday, April 10th 6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—“The Difficult Words of Jesus”**
- **Friday, April 11th 6:00 PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry—Easter Distribution**
- **Sunday, April 13th 10:00 AM—PALM SUNDAY**
- **Tuesday, April 15th—Fish & Chips Fundraiser Dinner 5:30/6:30/Takeout**  
*Choice of Fish or Chicken, incl. Bev & Dessert—\$20-Adult, \$10- 12 & Under- Must RSVP!*
- **Thursday, April 17th 7:00 PM—Holy Thursday with Communion**
- **Friday, April 18th 10:00 AM—Good Friday, Community Walk of the Cross**  
*Meet up at Good Shepherd Church—W. Catharine & 5th St.*
- **Friday, April 18th 7:00 PM—Good Friday: Tenebrae Service of Shadows**
- **Sunday, April 20th 10:00 AM—EASTER SUNDAY & FLOWERING OF THE CROSS**

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

**Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews and place in collection plate. Thank you.**

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