



# MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 13, 2023 | 11th Sunday after Pentecost | Laity Sunday

10:00 AM

Theme: **Everybody Tell Somebody**

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God, who is always with us, is present here. Rejoice in God!

***Play skillfully on harp and lyre and strings. Praise God with a new song.***

God, who has displayed terrifying power, welcomes us. The earth is full of the steadfast love of God.

***The work of God is done in faithfulness. God loves righteousness and justice.***

### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

***Amazing God, Creator and Confronter, open our hearts to hear your voice in unexpected times and places. Appear to us in forms we cannot deny. Challenge us in ways we cannot avoid. Lead us in paths from which we cannot turn back and equip us for the tasks to which you have called us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\*OPENING HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (vs 1-3) UMH 57++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Nancy McCallum

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:16-20 NT p. 34

MOMENT OF SHARING Liz Steen

SUNG RESPONSE "Pass It On" UMH 572++

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 4:39-42 NT p. 95

MOMENT OF SHARING Dick Weifert

SUNG RESPONSE "Here I Am, Lord" UMH 593++

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Pam Houskeeper

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others, and to your honor and glory.

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us.

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

***Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together, saying...

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

UMH 895

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

***The God who brought Israel out of Egypt still calls nations and peoples out of bondage. This is the work of the Church, to which we are committed. Wherever truth and freedom are suppressed, we are called to proclaim God's will for self-giving love and genuine peace. Our offerings help to make this possible.***

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***Almighty God, with thankful hearts we bring our offerings. May these resources help your people to know you more fully and to serve you more effectively. Equip us for every good work that your Church may witness boldly and influence profoundly, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" (vs 1-3)

UMH 569++

**\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Go and make disciples of all nations. Teach them to obey everything that Christ has commanded.

***Christ is alive in us, perfecting God's truth among us. We will keep God's commandments.***

The grace of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

***In steadfast love, God upholds and strengthens us. In faithfulness, God blesses and equips us to serve.***

Amen.

**Amen.**

**POSTLUDE**

**GUEST MUSICIAN** | Elijah Key **GREETERS** | Penny Werner

**LITURGIST** | Rebecca Masters **FELLOWSHIP** | Church Mouse & Friends

**FLOWERS** | Provided by Rebecca Masters in Honor of Emergency Workers

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP SERVICE**

*(NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)*

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

**CRAFTY LADIES:** Every Thursday at 9:30 AM

Tuesday, August 22nd 6PM **Finance Committee Meeting** (Hybrid)

Monday, August 28th 6:30PM **Vision Team** (Hybrid)

Tuesday, August 29th 6:30PM **Church Council Meeting** (Online)

Sunday, September 10th 9:00 AM **1st Day of Sunday School Breakfast—All Welcome**

**Pastor Jenn will be on vacation from August 10—24. The Church Office will be closed August 21-24. Rev. Will Nichols will provide pastoral care—he can be reached at 917-293-8040**

*Our August Communion offering raised \$345 towards our Back-to-School Learning Kit Mission Project! Well Done!*



**PRAYER LIST:** David Kent, Family of Carol Smith, 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.



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