



# MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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October 20, 2024 | 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

Theme: The Gratitude Path

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pam Houskeeper, *Lay Leader*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP “Litany for Laity Sunday”

From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family: with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

***Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ’s righteousness.***

All Christian ministry is Christ’s work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

***All Christians are called to Christ’s servanthood in the world, to the glory of God, and for human fulfillment.***

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\* 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

The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ’s ministry of grace.

***It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God’s love and ours.***

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

***That all may be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.***

## \*OPENING HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH 526++

## PRAYER OF CENTERING

***Faithful God, we recognize your abiding “Yes” to us when we are in deep need. We come to you now, aware of some of the continuing issues in our lives that paralyze us and separate us from you. We have lived for so long at less than our best that we seldom recognize our need for your healing touch. We are attracted by your promises and drawn by your love. Bring healing and peace to us that we might become instruments of healing in our world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## CHILDRENS MESSAGE

“F.R.O.G”

Linda Torborg

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 1:7-11

NT p. 179

## TIME OF SHARING

Liz Steen, Steven Bloomer-Teague, Rebecca Masters

## BELL CHOIR

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Phyllis T. Hente

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty God, may all who confess your name 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 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 Jesus 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. We pray that we may share one day 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**

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

For the healing of nations and individuals, for the re-formation of the church, to the honor and glory of God, we bring our offerings of time, talent, and treasure. God is not pleased with tokens, but calls for wholehearted commitment. May this time of giving reflect our willingness to Fully Rely On God.

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

"Give Thanks"

TFWS 2036++

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***With joyous thanksgiving, we offer ourselves and our substance to honor you, our Creator. In consideration of those who lack basic necessities, and all who are spiritually poor, we dedicate this offering. We want to be responsible stewards of all the resources gathered by our church, and of all the blessings you have entrusted to us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH 130

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*SENDING FORTH**

Rise up from all that weighs you down. Walk confidently into God's future.

***God is doing new things among us. We seek to live as God's choosing people.***

Trust in God and in one another. Know that God is ever with us to sustain and heal.

***We feel God's welcome and we hear God's call.***

Let us receive the Spirit in our hearts, as we say "Amen" to the glory of God through Christ.

***Come, Holy Spirit, to enliven us. We go with Christ, to make the world whole.***

**Amen and Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**GREETER** | Pam Houskeeper **LITURGIST** | Laurie Oszczepinski

**FLOWERS** | In Honor of Laity Sunday

**FELLOWSHIP** | Nancy Heim

**PRAYER LIST: Family of Fred Myers, Jane Frey, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Camilla, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Jay Norejko, Marlene Horan, Gloria Schneider, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, Arlene Moglia, Michael Gilmore, The Whateley Family, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Karen Boehning, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Dianne Siconolfi**

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

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