



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 30, 2025 | 4th Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM

Theme: Steadfast Love: A Lenten Playlist

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 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

When we struggle to live as you teach us, and we fail to answer your call...

God, your steadfast loves surrounds us.

When the truth catches in our throat, and we fear what will happen if we speak and if we keep silent...

God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

When we open our hearts and let the truth of our sorrows, our sin, our joys, and our doubts flow freely...

God, your steadfast love surrounds us.

When our stubborn hearts encounter the grace that teaches and guides us into a life of trust and joyful obedience...

God, your steadfast love surrounds us today and every day. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Amazing Grace” (vs. 1-4)

UMH 378++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Loving God, we have gathered together so that you may teach us the way we should go. In our times of distress and need, provide for us. When we stubbornly follow our own plans, curb our impulses. Rescue us from our days of confusion and aimless wandering. Rescue and restore us to our true identity. Meet us now as we worship together to shape us into a righteous, reconciling people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

NT p.78-79

*PSALTER READING

Psalm 32

UMH p. 766

SERMON

“Steadfast Love”

ANTHEM

“It Is Well With My Soul”

Arr. Lloyd Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Come Back Quickly to the Lord”

Jae Hoon Park

***DOXOLOGY**

“My Tribute”

UMH 99

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. Like the prodigal, we long to feel your embrace and live in the light of your grace. As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. Bless these gifts and our lives so that we may share your steadfast love with the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“Grace Alone”

TFWS 2162++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

GREETER | The Hancock Family **LITURGIST** | Leslie Lordi
FELLOWSHIP | Rhodes, Lordi and McCallum Families

PRAYER LIST Bill Davis, Jacob Hernandez, Ellen Orben, Robert Kelly, Rebecca Suarez, Pete Rushton, Arlene Moglia, Pope Francis, Jane Ridley, Maureen Tresenreiter, Morgan Frey, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, immigrants, refugees and marginalized communities, Connie Reed, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Jay Norejko, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Camilla, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, Michael Gilmore, The Whateley Family, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Debbie Conklin, 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

April’s Communion Offering will be dedicated to UMC’s Ministerial Education Fund. Since 1968, this fund has helped thousands become pastoral leaders in the United Methodist Church through Scholarships, funding 13 UMC Seminaries in the US, continuing education and Course-of-Study education opportunities for pastors across our connection. Let’s continue to support the nurturing of our Pastors for today and tomorrow to continue blessing the church!

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 AFTER CHILDREN’S MESSAGE)

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 11:30 AM in Sanctuary
- **CRAFTY LADIES:** Starts Thursday, April 3rd 9:30AM

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

- Thursday, April 3rd—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—“The Difficult Words of Jesus”
- Friday, April 4th 6:00 PM—Pizza and Game Night (Fellowship Hall— RSVP)
- Saturday, April 5th 3:00 PM—**Health Workshop (Fellowship Hall)**
- 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 6:00PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry—Easter Distribution
- 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—**Good Friday, Community Walk of the Cross 10AM**
Meet up at Good Shepherd Church—W. Catharine & 5th St.
- Friday, April 18th 7:00 PM—**Good Friday: Tenebrae Service of Shadows**

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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