



# MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 3, 2024 | 3rd Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion 10:00 AM

Theme: Finding Redemption in Our Mess

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to this place of prayer.

***God is calling us.***

Come, all who are burdened.

***There is healing here.***

We have come to hear the Word of God.

***Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us. Be glad together, and sing for joy!***

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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

### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

***Almighty and eternal God, maker of all things, you have provided the water of life for our baptism and the bread of life for Communion with you. Nourish us through your Word, and meet us again in this time of worship that we might remember the source of all we have and all that we are. Let the peoples praise you, O God. Let all the peoples praise you, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### \*OPENING HYMN

“He Touched Me”

UMH 367++

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 5:2-9

NT p. 96

### SERMON

“Bless This Mess”

### ANTHEM

“At the Table of the Lord”

Jay Althouse

### OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Gracious God, for the hospitality of your good earth, for the people you have given us to love, and the tasks you have called us to do, we give you thanks. Our offerings are a measure of our faith, and evidence of our gratitude. We dedicate ourselves with our gifts, for your service through Christ our Lord. 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, you are forgiven!

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you 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**

“Freely, Freely”

UMH 389++

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

**PRAYER LIST: Family of Doug Houskeeper, Family of Betty Kenyon, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Richard Holt, Michael Gilmore, Noah Shevlin, Stephanie Hartman, Jane Frey, The Whateley Family, Fred Meyers, Renee Dellarocca, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Gloria Schneider, Karen Boehning, , Ernie Balch, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Pat Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Dianne Siconolfi**

**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: Meetings Begin Thursday, March 7th 9:30 AM**

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

- **Wednesday, March 6th 6:00-7:30PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER /THE PASSION PLAY VIDEO STUDY**
- **Thursday, March 7th 9:30AM Crafty Ladies Meet!!! Welcome Back!**
- **Friday, March 8th 6:15PM - Ecumenical Food Pantry (Good Shepherd)**
- **Monday, March 11th 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Hybrid)**
- **Tuesday, March 19th 6:00 PM Finance Meeting (Hybrid)**
- **Sunday, March 24th—EASTER BUNNY BRUNCH—after Worship**
- **Tuesday, March 26th Church Council Meeting (Hybrid)**

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

**Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!**

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[www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC](https://www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC).

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website:

[www.milfordmethodists.org](https://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](mailto:www.milfordmethodists@gmail.com) or (570) 296-6124.

**GREETER** | Linda Ryder **LITURGIST** | Nancy McCallum

**FLOWERS** | Rebecca Masters in Honor of Caregivers, EMT's and Firefighters

**FELLOWSHIP** | Join us downstairs after the service for a time of Fellowship



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