



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 7, 2025 | 13th Sunday after Pentecost | Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Theme: I Will Call Upon the Lord
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Choral Meditation" Gilber M. Martin

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wherever we go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deepest abyss,
God knows us.

Wherever we go, God knows our names.

Whatever we do, from the time we wake up until we lay our head down again,
God knows us.

Whatever we do, God knows our names.

However we live, from our inner thoughts to our public acts and everything in be-
tween, God knows us.

However we live, God knows our names.

We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

*We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by
God who knows our names!*

* 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

***OPENING HYMN** "Take Our Bread" UMH 640++

PRAYER OF CENTERING
All-knowing God, we praise you for your loving and faithful presence in our lives. May your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together so we may examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, be challenged by your Word, and guided on the path that leads to abundant life. We pray as your people, called in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 OT p. 577-8

SERMON "God Knows My Name"
ANTHEM "Come, Christians Join to Sing" Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

OFFERING
OFFERTORY "Seek Ye First" Karen Lafferty
***DOXOLOGY** "Now Thank We All Our God"(vs.1) UMH 102++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Generous God, you have searched us and known us—every thought, every fear, every hope that stirs within. Receive these gifts, offered not from perfection but from hearts seeking you. Use them to shape a world more reflective of your love and continue to shape us, as well, into the people you have created us to be, through Jesus 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, we are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15-16

LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UMH 664++

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

“Close to Thee”

Silas J. Vail

GREETER | Gail Darcy LITURGIST | Lorna Cuevas

FELLOWSHIP| SPRC Committee

PRAYER LIST Anthony Lordi, David Scheer, Hayden Knipe, Mike St. Jean, Doug Cosh, Derrick White, Joanne Green, Sue Rhodes, Samar Mukherjee, Bill Davis, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Arlene Moglia, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi

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:** Thursdays 9:30 AM

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

- Tuesday, September 9th—6PM Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
- Thursday, September 11th—7PM—RMT Book Group (H)
- **Sunday, September 14th—6:00 PM Green Team Litter-Pick Up Hike** *(Meet after Church that day for more details)*
- Thursday, September 18th—7PM—RMT Book Group (H)
- **Saturday, September 20th—6:30PM— Cabaret of Show Tunes Fundraiser**
- Wednesday, September 24th—6PM—Finance Committee Meeting, followed by 6:30PM Church Council Meeting (Conf. Rm)
- Thursday, September 25th—7PM—RMT Book Group (H)
- Friday, September 26th—6PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry (Good Shepherd)



TODAY’S COMMUNION OFFERING:

The Interdenominational
Cooperation Fund



**Join us for a
Cabaret of
Show Tunes!**

**Saturday, Sept
20th**

**Doors Open @
6:30 pm**

**Entertainment
Begins @ 7:00**

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



Rev. Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor – jennlovallo@gmail.com - 201.314.8442

Office: 206 East Ann Street- 570.296.6124

www.milfordmethodists.org -- milfordmethodists@gmail.com

Follow us on Instagram: @milfordmethodists

and Facebook: www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC