



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 17th, 2025 | 10th Sunday after Pentecost | Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Theme: Dear Beloved Children

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Consolation" Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved Children of God, for the sake of joy, we gather.

We gather to worship, to encounter grace, to grow in faith.

Beloved Children, for the sake of joy, we proclaim.

We proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ and the love of God that surrounds us.

Beloved Children, for the sake of joy, God sends us.

We are sent into the world to meet our neighbors with the defiant joy and persevering love of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Come, let us worship the One God who dwells with us as we gather, proclaim, and are sent forth from this place.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

* 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 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"(vs. 1-3) UMH 79

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Glorious God, we thank you for the cloud of witnesses, the multitude of the faithful of all ages, who surround us. Considering their example, and looking to Jesus, may we run the race of life faithfully. Encourage us, that we may not grow weary or fainthearted. Help us accept your will and direction, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:29-12:2 NT p. 226

SERMON "For the Sake of Joy"

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Helen H. Lemmel

*DOXOLOGY "What Gift Can We Bring" (verses 1&4) UMH 87

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. May our giving reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all your saints. In Jesus' name, we pray. 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

“For All the Saints”

TFWS 2283++

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

“Faith, While Trees are Still in Blossom”

V. Earle Copes

GREETER | Pam Houskeeper LITURGIST | Liz Steen

FELLOWSHIP| Adult Choir

PRAYER LIST Doug Cosh, Joanne Green, Samar Mukherjee, Sue Rhodes, Mike St. Jean, Derrick White and the White Family, Breanna Murphy, Rhonda Leister, 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, Patty Reynolds

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)

CRAFTY LADIES: Thursdays 9:30 AM

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

- Today, August 17th 8:30-9:30AM— Adult Bible Study (Conference Room)
- Today, August 17th 11:30AM –1:00PM—Youth Group (Classroom/Nursery)
- Friday, August 22nd 6PM– School Kit Distribution at Ecumenical Food Pantry
- Sunday, August 24th 8:30-9:30AM— Adult Bible Study (Conference Room)
- Sunday, August 24th Noon –4:00PM—Youth Group (Akenac Park)/ Pike County Pride Event
- Wednesday, August 27th—6:00PM Finance/6:30PM Church Council Mtg
- Friday, August 29th 6PM– Ecumenical Food Pantry + School Kit Distribution at Ecumenical Food Pantry



Our Communion Offering this month is dedicated to **GIVE YE THEM TO EAT**, an Integrated Development Program, founded in 1977, in response to rural poverty and its complexity. The purpose is to strengthen the abilities of marginalized people, so they can meet their basic needs.

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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