



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 8, 2023 | Baptism of the Lord | 10:00 AM

Theme: Beatitudes

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

See the works of God in the life of Jesus; feel the Spirit of God descend on our gathering.

***God calls us to ministries of hope and healing. God fills us with marvelous light.***

Remember your baptism and sense God's blessing. Recall God's covenant and dare to live by it.

***God takes us by the hand and keeps us. God grants us a spirit of caring and service.***

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

***God of the covenant, we bow in humble gratitude that you have called us your beloved. We have come to receive the light you promise and to equip ourselves to carry your salvation to the ends of the earth. Hear our cries and draw us out of the pits of despair. Place our feet on solid rock and help us to step forward with patient trust. Baptize us anew with your Spirit as we seek to live out the community you intend, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Baptized in Water" TFWS 2248

**GOSPEL LESSON** Matthew 3:13-17 NT p.3

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** UMH p.39

*Roberto Jesus Anaya*

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Job 30:20-25, 31 OT p. 477  
Matthew 5:1-2, 4 NT p. 4

**SERMON** "Stand Up for the Broken"

**ANTHEM** "Down to the River to Pray" Arr. by S. Curry

**PASTORAL PRAYER**  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER** UMH 895

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

**\*OFFERING & DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94++

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” UMH 474++

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

**GREETERS** | Penny Werner **LITURGIST** | Leslie Lordi

\*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.

*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 LIST:** Safety of Police Officers, Ruth Townsend, Bill Kanen, the family of Bill Davis, Jr., Joyce and Bob Van Nest, Marilyn Schultz, Nicole Dunn Hernandez, Jay Norejko, The Family of Ros Williams, The Family of Nancy Farr, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, the Family of Robbie Schneider, the Family of Cesar Lecha, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Paul and Pat Ingold, Jean Troutman, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Barbara Myer, Joan Wortman, Valerie Dimatteo, Maureen Tresenreiter, Kelly Foster and family, Roy Sirel and family, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Gina Bebenroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Gina Alfano Walsh, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Every Sunday at 9:30 AM

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Every Sunday at 11:30 AM following worship service

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

**TRUSTEES:** Tuesday, January 10, at 6:30 PM. Conference Room Online

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Tuesday, January 24, at 6:00 PM. Online

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 PM. Online

**SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12.** Throughout the month of January, the Outreach Team invites you to bring your cans of soup to the sanctuary on Sundays.. Or, you can deliver them to the church office (M-Th 9-12). Your gifts will support both the Ecumenical Food Pantry as well as our own Little Food Pantry. **In 2022, we collected 871 cans and over \$125 in cash and gift cards.** Questions? Contact Jack Donson, Chair.

***The church office will be closed Monday, January 16.***

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link: [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.milfordmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:www.milfordmethodist@gmail.com) or (570) 296-6124.



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