



# MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 4, 2025 | 3rd Sunday of Easter  
10:00 AM

Theme: Believing into Christ

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor  
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Christ is risen!

*Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Today's Communion Offering will be dedicated to UMC's World Service Fund.*

\* 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

God, you call us from the corners of the Earth.

*From the cities and the prairies, from the ghettos and the tables of the wealthy.*

God, you sing to us from the corners of the universe.

*In the gentle ocean breeze, in the colors that burst forth from our landscapes, in the faces of children ravaged by war.*

God, you speak to us from the corners of the Earth.

*To the east, to the west, to the north, and to the south, above us, below us, and within us, your voice rings clear.*

*Send your voice to sing in us, we pray, as we worship this day.*

## \*OPENING HYMN

"Jesu, Jesu" (verses 1-3)

UMH 432

## PRAYER OF CENTERING

*God of love, we bring our very selves to worship. Our triumphs. Our failures. Our vulnerabilities. Our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows. In this time set apart, may we hear the voice of Jesus urging us to feed and be fed, to love and be loved. In his precious name we pray. Amen.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-19

NT p. 115-116

### SERMON

"Food Justice"

### PRAYER RESPONSE

"A Litany for Survival"

*see insert*

### ANTHEM

"Alleluia"

W.A. Mozart

### OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

"This is the Feast of Victory"

Richard Hillart

#### \*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*God of abundant blessings, we offer you these gifts, given for the healing of creation. Use them to bless others as we dedicate ourselves with our offerings, to support the survival and thriving of all creation. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.*

## 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)

- CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary
- BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday at 11:30 AM in Sanctuary
- CRAFTY LADIES: Thursday at 9:30AM in Community Room

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

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- Thursday, May 8th 7:00 PM (H) - RMT Book Study—"THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP"  
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Friday, May 9th 6:00-8:00 PM - Ecumenical Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church
- Saturday, May 10th 11AM- 2PM Spring Community Arts Festival
- Saturday, May 10th 5:00-7:00 PM— "Mama Mia" Pasta Night Community Dinner
- Tuesday, May 13th 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting—Conference Room
- Thursday, May 15th 6:15PM RMT Meeting followed by  
7:00 PM (H) - RMT Book Study—"THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP"  
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- Tuesday, May 20th 6:30 PM Finance Meeting—Conference Room (H)

PRAYER LIST Samantha Aquino, Bill Davis, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Pete Rushton, Arlene Moglia, Maureen Tresenreiter, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, immigrants, refugees and the marginalized, Connie Reed, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Jay Norejko, 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

WE WELCOME ALL!

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

## 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

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP (Everyone is invited to come to the rail to receive the bread and cup)

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Almighty Creator, God of sun and Earth, you created us with your breath. You are here with us. As we tilled the soil, you opened the seed. Your rain watered the ground; your sun drew jeweled corn and red tomatoes out of the rich soil. Your mercy showered blessing after blessing over the land, its humans, and all living things. Creeks flowed into rivers; wetlands fed turtles while wolves and bison, turkeys and elk graze under green and gold mountains. Creator and Provider, we give you thanks for all you have given us, and promise to care for this good Earth in the name of Jesus who is the Christ. Amen.*

## \*CLOSING HYMN

"Take Our Bread"

UMH 640++

## \*BENEDICTION

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

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

## \*SENDING FORTH

## \*POSTLUDE

"See the Morning Sun Ascending"

Joachim Neander

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GREETER | Pam Houskeeper LITURGIST | Liz Steen

FELLOWSHIP | The Arlequeeuws



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