



YOU ARE
LOOKING FOR JESUS
WHO WAS CRUCIFIED.
HE ISN'T HERE...HE'S BEEN
raised from
the *dead.*

MATTHEW 28 5b-6a

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 20, 2025 | 10:00 AM

Easter Sunday

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

"Alleluia, Christ is Risen"

Franklin Ritter

WELCOME

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Steadfast Love is risen!

Steadfast Love is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the LORD has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Almighty God, the earth is shaken and nothing is the same. Defeat is turned to victory; death is overcome by life; the stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Meet us here, O God, amid events beyond our own understanding. You appear to us from afar, yet touch us where we are. Your love spans time and space, yet wraps itself around us here and now. Faithful God, we come seeking the things that are above, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN & FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

UMH 302++

During the singing of the hymn you are invited to come forward to place a flower on the cross

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM "Thine Is the Glory" Arr. Lloyd Larson

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:1-18 NT p. 114

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "In the Garden" UMH 314++

SERMON "Love Never Ends"

CHOIR ANTHEM "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" Lloyd Larson

PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "On the Day of Resurrection" Mark Sedio

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Radiant God, whose love endures forever, we gather today in the light of resurrection hope, offering these gifts as a response to the abundant grace we have received. Transform our offerings into acts of love that bring light to the world, just as Christ's light dawned in our hearts. We dedicate these gifts to your service, trusting that, in your hands, they will bring forth new life, through the Risen Christ. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Thine Be the Glory" UMH 308++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE** "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" Giovanni P. da Palestrina

* 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

GREETER | The Hancock Family **LITURGIST** | Jackie Pentecharsky
FLOWERS | *see insert* **FELLOWSHIP HOUR** | Linda Grady & Nancy Heim
Join us downstairs after worship

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

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

- **Monday, April 21st—OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY**
- **Tuesday, April 22nd 6:30 PM (H) - Finance Meeting**
- **Wednesday, April 23rd 6:30 PM (H) - Church Council Meeting**
- **Thursday, April 24th 6:30PM (H) - Reconciling Ministries Meeting**
- **Thursday, May 1st 6:30 PM (H) - RMT Book Study—"THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP"**
by Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- **Friday, May 2nd 6:00-8:00 PM - Pizza and Game Night**
- **Thursday, May 8th 6:30 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 10AM– 2PM Spring Community Arts Festival 11-2PM**
- **Saturday, May 10th 5:00-7:00 PM— Pasta Night Community Dinner**

PASTOR JENN WILL BE ON VACATION April 23rd through May 2nd —Rev. Will Nichols is providing Pastoral Coverage 917-293-8040

*Christ
is
Risen!*



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