



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 3, 2023 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost | Holy Communion  
10:00 AM  
Theme: Three Simple Rules  
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hear the voice of God, powerful and majestic.

***God speaks in thunder, and in the silence within us.***

See the works of God in the life of Jesus. Feel the Spirit rise up in our gathering.

***God calls us to ministries of healing. God accepts and affirms us, and fills us with light.***

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

***Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"Take Our Bread"

UMH 640++

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:27-31

NT P. 64

#### SERMON

"Do Good"

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Concerto in A"

Max Phillip Zeyhold

#### 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, you are forgiven!

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.***

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### \*OFFERTORY

"To God Be the Glory" (verse 1)

UMH 98++

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Everlasting God, you have blessed us far beyond our ability to count the gifts. We glorify you through deeds of light and through words that heal. May our offerings be multiplied by your grace, and may they reach others in the name of Jesus. Amen.***

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**  
**LORD'S PRAYER**  
**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

UMH 15-16

**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** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (vs. 1,4, & 6) UMH 549++

**\*SENDING FORTH**  
**POSTLUDE**

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**GREETERS** | Linda Ryder **LITURGIST** | Pam Houskeeper  
**FELLOWSHIP** | Carolyn Krejmas **FLOWERS** | \*sign up with church office  
Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament  
UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal TFWS: The Faith We Sing  
++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

Our Communion Offering will be received in support of Immigrant Law and Justice of the Delaware Valley, an initiative of UMCOR and supported by the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. ILJ provides free and low-cost immigration services for all. Please GIVE as you are able, LEARN ([www.iljdv.org](http://www.iljdv.org)) and PRAY for a just, fair immigration system. The WORLD is our parish!

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

**Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!**  
Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link: [www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC).  
The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website: [www.milfordmethodists.org](http://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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**PRAYER LIST:** Ruth Russell, Lorna Cuevas, Martha Peldunas, Pastor Diane Sommers and Ray Sommers, Kenn Sanders, David Kent, Family of Carol Smith, Geoff Peckham, James Bennet, Barbara Repenning, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Jodi Hancock, Gloria Schneider, Marge Carofano, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Kathleen Jewel, Michael Gilmore, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Robert Keuhne Sr., Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHILD CARE AVAILABLE** (NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

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

**CRAFTY LADIES: Every Thursday at 9:30 AM**

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Wednesday, September 6th 7-8PM **Lay-Led Book Study**

"I Take My Coffee Black" Tyler Merritt—3 Minute Intro Video during Fellowship today!

Friday, September 8th 6-8PM **Family Game Night**—All Welcome!

Sign up with church office. Pizza will be served (GF Option available)

Sunday, September 10th 9:00 AM **1st Day of Sunday School BREAKFAST**

Sunday, September 10th 10:15 AM **1st Day of Sunday School** - Ages 3-12 Welcome to "Celebrate Wonder"

Sunday, September 10th Join our **Reconciling Ministries Team** at the 2nd Annual Pike County Pride Day at Akenac Park from 12pm to 4pm!