



March 13, 2022 | 10:00 AM  
The “I Am” Sayings of Jesus  
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor  
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Dir.

## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Draw near to the light of God’s love. Look around and observe the wonders of God.

***We gather to greet the light that reduces shadows. God is light for all who are stumbling in darkness.***

The God revealed in Jesus Christ is our hope. Look around and observe the light Christ gives.

***We gather in the name of Jesus Christ, who is the light of the world, and our light.***

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

***Creating God, shine your light on our worship and illuminate our hearts. Open our eyes to understand you so we may see the ways you want to guide us on our journey of faith. Shine your light into the places in our lives where we need wisdom and lead us always in the Way of love, for we pray in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.***

#### \*OPENING HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

TFWS 2173++

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 7:2,14; 8:12

pp. 93, 95 (NT)

#### SERMON

“Knowing God’s Guidance”

#### ANTHEM

“The Lord is My Light”

by Frances Allisten

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

#### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *excerpted from The Iona Abbey Service for Justice and peace*

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn,  
In the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,  
Conflict and caring link arms,  
And the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.  
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place into action, into  
vulnerability, and into the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change, and put ourselves on the line,  
To bear responsibility, take risks,  
Live powerfully and face humiliation;  
To stand with those on the edge,  
To choose life and be used by the Spirit  
For God’s new community of hope. Amen.

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### OFFERING & \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

UMH 206

#### \*SENDING FORTH

### POSTLUDE

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## Shine, Jesus, Shine

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, \_ fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry,  
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, \_ set our hearts on fire;  
flow, riv - er, flow, \_ flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,  
send forth your word, \_ Lord, and let there be light.

*Fine*

1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing  
2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence  
3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,  
in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;  
from the shad - ows in - to your ra - di - ance;  
so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness;  
Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,  
by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,  
ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.  
mir - rored here may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*D.C.*

Shine on me, shine on me.  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
Shine on me, shine on me.

## 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1. I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2. I want to see the bright - ness of God.  
3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.  
I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear Sun of Righteous - ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa - tience the race, we  
star of my life is Je - sus.  
show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

WORDS: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

MUSIC: Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

HOUSTON

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*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The  
night and the day are both a - like. The  
Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GREETER** | Penny Werner **LITURGIST** | Jack Donson

**FLOWERS:** Richard Bloomer & Steven Teague in memory of  
Emogene Bloomer & Patty Douglas

**FELLOWSHIP:** Martha Dubensky

*Key to abbreviations:*

*UMH:* The United Methodist Hymnal *TFWS:* The Faith We Sing  
*++:* *Someone's Favorite Hymn*

### PRAYER LIST

Lillian Kummerfeldt, Melissa Adams, the family of Steven Moglia, Jackie Viserta, Edie Delaehne, Pat Moulton, Christine Pasquarosa, the family of Joe Lecaroz, Leonard Gasiewicz, Dan Dixon, Roger & Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Marie Buchanan, Gina Alfano Walsh, Merissa Sims, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett.



**WEEKLY PRAYER TIME:** Beginning **March 16th through April 13**, the Sanctuary will be open Wednesdays from 2-3 PM for a time of prayer, reflection and mediation. All are Welcome. Devotions and prayer cards will be available and will change periodically to highlight special concerns or joys. This is an unstructured time. All who enter are welcome to enter and leave as they wish.

**EASTER FLOWER ORDERS:** This year we will be offering a variety of flowers to be purchased in **honor** or in **memory** of a friend, family member or loved one to adorn the altar Easter morning. Please see the enclosed order form. Extra order forms are available in the narthex. **All orders must be received no later than Sunday, April 3.**

**LENTEN STUDY:** Join us in-person on **Sundays at Noon, OR online Wednesdays at 6:00 PM** via Zoom link [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](http://bit.ly/MUMCZoom) as we continue the book study of the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. The study follows the Lent sermon series "The God We Can Know" from the book by Rev. Rob Fuquay. Books are available at UpperRoomBooks.com. We also have a limited supply through our church office.

The **OUTREACH TEAM** will meet on **Monday, March 21, 6:30 PM** via ZOOM ([bit.ly/MUMCZoom](http://bit.ly/MUMCZoom)). ALL are invited to join in the conversation! Questions? Contact Janice Holleny, Outreach Team Leader, at [janiceholleney@verizon.net](mailto:janiceholleney@verizon.net).

**SMALL PROJECT, BIG IMPACT: THE GO BAG PROJECT**, in support of children entering foster care is in motion! How can you help? **Take a tag from the Giving Tree** in the narthex and **shop for items** ranging from pacifiers for babies to personal care items for teens. Then, return the item to the designated box. If you would like to help remotely, the Outreach Team is also collecting **\$25 VISA gift cards** to distribute to adolescents who are entering care. Gift cards or a donation toward the purchase of one can be sent to Milford UMC, 206 East Ann Street, Milford 18337. Questions? Speak with Project Managers, Nancy Heim and Rhonda Leister.

**CRAFTY LADIES:** The Crafty Ladies will meet again on **Thursdays at 9:30 AM, beginning March 17**. All are welcome, crafty or not.

**MUSICAL THEATER SHOWCASE:** Mark you calendar to join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 20, 2022 at 4:30 PM** for a FREE Performance of a "Tribute to Sondheim", presented by the Youth of our Theater Workshop.



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