

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 19th, 2025 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 AM

Theme: Choosing Faith

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us praise God as long as we live.

God alone is worthy of our devotion.

Happy are those whose hope is in God.

Happy are those who labor in steadfast faith and love.

God lifts up those who are bowed down;

Prisoners are freed, and the blind see.

Let us praise God as long as we live.

We will sing praise to God who is merciful and just.

* 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

*OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

We gather in faith and hope to worship and praise you, God of all people. You have fed us in ways we did not know, and have supported us when we had no strength of our own. You turn us from the idols we continue to create. You bring us together to remember the good news of your healing love and to experience the joy of your Spirit moving among us. Thanks be to you, O God, for all your gifts to us through Jesus Christ. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Laurie Osczepinski

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:1-8 NT p.81

SERMON "Persistent Faith"

ANTHEM "Seek Ye First" arr. J.F. Wilson

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY "Bless Thou the Gifts" UMH 587

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Persistent and just God, you do not turn away when your people cry out. Receive these gifts as acts of our faith—faith that keeps moving, faith that keeps hoping, faith that keeps working for justice, even when the world says it's too late or too little. Make us a people who do not lose heart. Shape our prayers into action and our generosity into grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451++

*BENEDICTION

For all that has been... Thanks! For all that will be... Yes!

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

GREETER | Gail Darcy LITURGIST | Jan Lucciola NURSERY | FELLOWSHIP | Finance Committee

PRAYER LIST: Breanna Lubrano, Marie Fornoff, Family of Reagan May, Scott Seltzer, Arlene Moglia, Steve Shay, Barbara Cooper, Lydia Boronow, Beth Klopfleisch, David Scheer, Mike St. Jean, Doug Cosh, Derrick White, Joanne Green, Sue Rhodes, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi



Our Annual Church Conference will be held on October 25 at Sparta UMC 10AM Worship and 11AM Conference.

All Members Welcome. Contact Liz in Church Office if you are interested in attending and want to carpool.

We are still collecting "soft plastic" for our TREX Challenge. We have a couple of weeks left. We are asking everyone to drop off as much plastic as they can to help us get close to our goal. We also would be looking for volunteers to go to some local businesses to see if they would like to contribute as well. Tractor Supply is one place that has been willing to help with this. Plastic can be dropped off M-Th 9-12 or on Sundays before and 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 AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

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

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

- Friday, October 24th 6:15PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry @Good Shepherd
- Saturday, October 25th 10AM—12Noon MUMC Church Conference SPARTA UMC 71 S Sparta Ave, Sparta, NJ 07871
- Sunday, October 26th 9:30AM—Greeter Orientation (Meet in Narthex)
- Wednesday, October 29th— 6PM—Finance Meeting
 6:30PM—Church Council Meeting
- Thursday, October 30th—Popcorn Popping and Bagging Party
- Friday, October 31st—Halloween Popcorn Distribution 3PM-7PM
- Friday, Nov. 7th 9:30AM-3:30PM & Saturday, Nov. 8th 9:30AM-3:30PM

CRAFTY LADIES ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Friday, Nov. 7th 6:30pm: Game Night at Camp Speers YMCA (details to follow)

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



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