



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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September 1, 2024 | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Theme: The Book of Revelation

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from the one who is, and was, and is to come.

*This is the day that the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!*

God is our strength and our salvation. Let everything that breathes praise God!

*We give thanks this day, for God is good. God's steadfast love endures forever.*

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\* 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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

UMH 89++

#### PRAYER OF CENTERING (unison)

*God of all our beginnings, may this day and everyday begin with our praise to you. Let every breath become a witness to your Spirit, dwelling within and among us. Open our hearts to receive your saving grace. Loosen our tongues to proclaim your greatness. Encourage our spirits to dedicate our lives to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 1:1-3; 8-11

NT p. 245

#### SERMON

"Back to the Future"

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

"Air, BWV 1068" J.S. Bach

Elijah Keay

#### OFFERING

##### \*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

##### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Gracious God, the signs of your presence are everywhere. Your glory and dominion are forever and ever. May this offering witness to your grace and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### 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**

UMH 895

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

*(Everyone is invited to come to the rail to receive the bread and cup)*

**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**

“One Bread, One Body”

UMH 620++

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*POSTLUDE**

**GREETER** | Maryann Schneider **LITURGIST** | Pam Houskeeper

**FLOWERS** | Sign up with Church Office **FELLOWSHIP** | Sign up during Fellowship

**OUR SEPTEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING WILL BE DEDICATED TO THE BLACK COLLEGE FUND.**

Following the Civil War, the former Methodist Episcopal Church organized the Freedmen’s Aid Society to help educate African Americans who could not read or write. In 1972, The United Methodist Church established the Black College Fund to provide reliable support for UM-related historically Black colleges and offer a chance to everyone with a dream and a commitment to excel – regardless of race, class, gender, or ethnic heritage.

**PRAYER LIST:** Jane Frey, Camilla, Brian R-H, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Roger Swanson, Jay Norejko, Marlene Horan, Gloria Schneider, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Richard Holt, Michael Gilmore, The Whateley Family, Fred Myers, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Karen Boehning, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Dianne Siconolfi

**IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILD CARE** *(IN NURSERY AFTER CHILDREN’S MESSAGE)*

**CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 8:30AM SANCTUARY**

**BELL CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 11:30AM SANCTUARY**

**CRAFTY LADIES: THURSDAYS 9:30 AM**

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

- **Wednesday, Sept. 4th 6-8PM**      **Congregational Meeting (via Zoom Link)**
- **Friday, Sept. 6th 6PM**      **Game Night—RSVP for Pizza**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 10th 6:30PM**      **Trustees Meeting**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 17th 6:30PM**      **Reconciling Ministries (H)**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 24th 6:00 OM**      **Finance Committee Meeting (H)**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 24th 6:30PM**      **Church Council Meeting (H)**
- **Friday, September 27th 6:15PM**      **Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church**
- **Sunday, September 29th 6:30PM**      **Annual Church/Charge Conference (H)**

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

**Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!**

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