



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 16, 2025 | 6th Sunday After The Epiphany
 10:00 AM

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
 Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Interlude" Dennis Eliot

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

***OPENING HYMN** "Trust and Obey" UMH 467++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Compassionate God, we recognize that our world is a broken place, hurt by poverty, famine, and disease. We admit that sometimes we contribute to the brokenness by tolerating prejudice, conflict, and self-interest. Renew us in your love, O God, and heal us with the comfort of your abundant grace. Awaken us to the role we can play in healing creation and strengthen us through the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 6:17-26 NT p.64

SERMON "Rejoice on That Day"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH 883

ANTHEM "Praise My Soul King of Heaven" John Carter

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

“Bless Thou the Gifts”

Basil Harwood

“Give Thanks”

TFWS 2036++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, you bless us in our brokenness and rejoice with us in our joy. We bring these gifts today as an offering of hope and love. May they be used to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and welcome the weary. Help us to be a community that reflects your kingdom, where all find acceptance and grace. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

“For All the Saints”

TFWS 2283++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

“What Does the Lord Require”

Eric Routley

GREETER | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Dani Pentacharsky

FLOWERS | Sign up with office **FELLOWSHIP** | Richard & Steven Bloomer-Teague

PRAYER LIST Barbara Brown, Nazareth, immigrants, refugees and marginalized communities, Connie Reed, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Jay Norejko, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Michele Burrell, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Camilla, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, Arlene Moglia, Michael Gilmore, The Whateley Family, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee

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:** No Meetings Until Further Notice—Winter Break

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

- **Tuesday, February 18th 6:30 PM—Finance Committee Mtg (H)**
- **Thursday, February 20th 6:30 PM—Reconciling Ministries Mtg (H)**
- **Tuesday, February 27th 6:30 PM—Church Council (H)**
- **Thursday, March 6th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—
“The Difficult Words of Jesus”**
- **Friday, March 7th 6-8PM— Pizza & Game Night**
- **Thursday, March 13th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—
“The Difficult Words of Jesus”**
- **Friday, March 14th 6:15PM—Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church**

WE WELCOME ALL!

Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews.

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link:

www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC.

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website:

www.milfordmethodists.org. It is located under the Worship Heading on the site.

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