



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 21, 2024 | 4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM

Theme: How Shall We Live?

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we live when we have more than enough?

We have no greater praise to offer than caring for God's Creation.

The earth is our teacher - nurturing and tender.

In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.

Let us worship God, the Ground of all Being.

We will worship in spirit and truth! Alleluia!

* 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

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Living Word, whose love abides in us, You call us to love in truth and action. Give courage to our hearts we pray, so that we may love those whom you love. Open our ears to the wisdom of those you send, who might otherwise be dismissed. Transform our charity into justice over all the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"The Gift of Love"

UMH 408++

MISSION MOMENT

Jackson Hancock

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

NT p. 240

SERMON

"We Abide in Christ"

ANTHEM

Sing, Sing, Glory to the Lord

Douglas Wagner

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Living for Jesus" (verse 1)

TFWS 2149

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Jesus. We offer you these gifts in sacrificial love, praying that they will be a reflection of the love we've experienced in Christ. We dedicate ourselves with our offerings, committing to be faithful stewards working your will in the world. Use these gifts to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

FWS 2223++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

GREETER | Maryann Schneider LITURGIST | Nancy McCallum

FLOWERS | Sign up to Beautify the Altar FELLOWSHIP | Richard and Steven Bloomer-Teague

PRAYER LIST: Pat Moulton, Stewart Jones, Jane Frey, Roger Swanson, Lucy Swanson, Kevin Cornine, Sr., Richard, Alex, and Maria Wormser, Bobbie Myer, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Richard Holt, Michael Gilmore, Stephanie Hartman, The Whateley Family, Fred Myers, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Gloria Schneider, Karen Boehning, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Patrick Hall, 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



Thank you for your generosity, we raised \$224 for Native American Sunday and our first Krispy Kreme fundraiser gave us a profit of \$340 ! Well done.

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.

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.

If you would like to be on our email list, please contact the office at www.milfordmethodists@gmail.com or (570) 296-6124.

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:** Thursday 9:30 AM

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

- **Tuesday, April 23rd 6:00 PM** Finance Meeting (Hybrid) Conf.Rm
- **Tuesday, April 30th 6:30 PM** Church Council Meeting (Hybrid) Conf. Room
- **Thursday, May 2nd** National Day of Prayer
- **Friday, May 3rd** Family Game Night-RSVP to Office for Pizza
- **Saturday, May 4th 12-4PM** Spring Festival of the Arts—Sign up to **Volunteer for Bake Sale, Craft Table & Games, Mission Table, Food Sales, Provide Music, Set Up/Clean Up Crews**
- **Friday, May 10th 6-8PM** Ecumenical Food Pantry (Good Shepherd)
- **Saturday, May 11th 5-7PM** Food Pantry Volunteer Pot Luck Gathering (Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall)



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