



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 5, 2023 | 2nd Sunday in Lent | 10:00 AM

### HOLY COMMUNION

Theme: Final Words from the Cross

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The psalmist writes that the faithful should pray to God in troubled times.

***Reconciling God, we pray with those in trouble who are impacted by hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, political unrest, and poverty.***

The psalmist writes that God surrounds us with songs of rescue.

***Reconciling God, we pray with those in need of rescue who are suffering from viruses, famine, forced migration, and climate disaster.***

The psalmist writes that faithful love surrounds us.

***Reconciling God, make us ambassadors for Christ to extend your faithful love through our service as we worship in Jesus' name.***

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

***Reconciling God, we rejoice in the promise of a new day. Pour out your Spirit through this gathering. Equip us to be ambassadors for Christ. Open our hearts to sing songs of rescue and protection for our siblings around the world who are suffering. As we celebrate the work of UMCOR today, integrate our love offering into your new creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

UMH 301

#### CONNECT MOMENT

Steven Bloomer-Teague

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 23:32-33, 39-43

NT p. 89

#### SERMON

"Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise"

#### ANTHEM

"In Remembrance"

by Beryl Red

#### 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, you are forgiven!

***In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.***

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### \*OFFERTORY

"My Tribute"

UMH 99

#### SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15-16

#### LORD'S PRAYER

#### GIVING 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 "I Come with Joy" UMH 617

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

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**GREETERS** | Linda Ryder **LITURGIST** | Steven Bloomer-Teague  
**FELLOWSHIP** | Lorna Cuevas

\*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.  
Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament

**PRAYER LIST:** The Family of Charles Zuroff, Michael Gilmore, Kevin Walter, Jane Ostrowsky, Debbie Conklin, Those affected by the earthquake in Syria & Turkey, The Family of Nicole Dunn Hernadez, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, those affected by the Pittsburgh train derailment, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, Joyce Van Nest and Family, Raymond Vetter, Jeffrey Buyse, Ruth Townsend, Jay Norejko, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Valerie Dimatteo, Maureen Tresenreiter, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Gina Bebenroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Gina Alfano Walsh, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

### WE WELCOME ALL!

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link:  
[www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC).

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website:  
[www.milfordmethodists.org](http://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.milfordmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:www.milfordmethodist@gmail.com) or (570) 296-6124.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Every Sunday at 9:30 AM

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Every Sunday at 11:30 AM following worship service

**CRAFTY LADIES:** Every Thursday at 9:30 AM

## UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** TODAY, March 5 & March 19 at 2:00 PM (Community Rm)

**RECONCILING MINISTRIES:** Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 PM (in person & online)

**GARDEN GROUP:** Monday, March 13 at 6:00 PM (in person & on line)

**VISION TEAM:** Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 PM (in person & online)

**FINANCE:** Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 PM (on line)

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 PM (on line)

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

**UMCOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT:** For our communion offering **TODAY**, we will join thousands of other United Methodist Churches in observing UMCOR Sunday. This special offering is designed to underwrite UMCOR's administrative costs. Our collective generosity allows UMCOR to direct 100% of all fund given to specific and much needed humanitarian responses and recovery efforts. In 2022, churches throughout the connection gave almost \$2.2 million on this special Sunday! As always, you are urged to GIVE as you are able, LEARN (UMC.org/UMCOR) and PRAY for victims of disaster everywhere.

**FOR THE KIDS:** Each Sunday in Lent, prior to worship service, Children & Youth are invited to hunt for an Easter egg. They will be hidden in the narthex, sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall.

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: Soup Suppers** at 6:00 PM in the Conference Room followed by a Praise Service at 7PM.

**FELLOWSHIP SOUP:** Join us **Sunday, March 12** during Fellowship hour as Marsha and Jack make soup for the congregation. The soup is a celebration for the friendly competition and successful can drive for Souper Bowl Day of Caring. All are invited.



Daylight Saving Time is Here!!!

Don't forget to "SPRING FORWARD"  
Sunday, March 12



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