



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 10, 2026 | 6th Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM

Theme: Stories That Matter

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, no matter the bends and curves in our path, Jesus does not leave us alone on this journey of faith.

God gives us the Spirit, our Advocate and Helper.

The Spirit lives in and among us, pointing us all toward the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus.

God gives us the Spirit, our Guide and Guardian.

The Spirit draws us into God's story, showing us how to cooperate in writing God's dream into reality.

God gives us the Spirit, our Dream-Giver and Story-Keeper.

Easter people, God's story abides in you, calling you to live as co-creators of love and abundant life.

We come to worship God and listen for the Spirit who inspires, guides, and helps us join in God's story, until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

* 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 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" UMH 152

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Mothering God of all time and space, you initiated the relationship of love and generosity with creation at a time before and beyond all knowing. Through the Word and the Spirit, you continue in eternal love for all things. Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence, your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world. Shape us into the people you have made us to be: poured out in creative mercy for the sake of Jesus Christ in all creation. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING John 14:15-21 NT. 109

SERMON "The Story Abides"

CHOIR ANTHEM "Train Up a Child" Pepper Choplin

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "To God Be the Glory" (verse 1) UMH 98++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abiding Spirit of Love, you have not left us orphaned. Even in our uncertainty, you draw near, whispering truth, stirring memory, teaching us to live as those who know we are loved. As Jesus offered himself in love and obedience, so we offer these gifts today—not out of obligation, but as signs of our love and trust. Take them, bless them, use them—to remind the world that Christ's story abides in us. In the name of the one who promised never to leave us, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Spirit of God"(vs.1,2&5) TFWS 2117++

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

GREETER | Hancock Family **LITURGIST** | Janette Hendrick
FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR | Carole Shipman

PRAYER LIST: Jerry Graham, Pat Moulton, Joe Allred, Teresa Graham, Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Cassie, Gwen Gilmore, Pam Sackett, Bradley Seltzer, Beth Klopfleisch, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, Connie & Fred Lamando, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Barbara Urban, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Joanne Green, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Geoff Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, David Kent, James Bennet, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi



Mother's Day was founded by Anna Jarvis, a devout Methodist, to honor her mother's wish for a day commemorating women's service to humanity. Following her mother's 1905 death, Jarvis organized the first official Mother's Day service at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, W.V. on May 10, 1908. The holiday, focusing on peace and community work, became a national observance in 1914.

On Sunday, May 24th we celebrate Pentecost as the birth of the church, occurring 50 days after Easter, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples in Jerusalem. According to Acts 2, the event featured a rushing wind and tongues of fire, empowering the apostles to speak in different languages to crowds from around the world. *It is not just a historical event, but a living call to action for modern Christians to live out their faith in the Spirit.*



WEAR RED TO CHURCH FOR PENTECOST

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILD CARE *(IN COMMUNITY RM/NURSERY AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)*
CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 8:30AM SANCTUARY
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 11:30AM SANCTUARY
CRAFTY LADIES: THURSDAYS 9:30 AM Craft/Community Room

MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE and (H) *MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

BIBLE STUDY (Bible Basics) will be offered on Monday nights at 6:30pm (5/11) and for 5 weeks in June (6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29) (H)

- Tuesday, May 12th 7 PM—Outreach Team Meeting (Conference Room)
- Sunday, May 17-19—GNJ Annual Conference in Wildwood, NJ—Church office Closed 5/18 & 19
- Tuesday, May 26th 12PM-1PM— MS Support Group (Conference Room) (H)
- Tuesday, May 26th 4:30 PM—Camp Speers Gardening Day (contact Jodi H. at clarity172@yahoo.com to RSVP or find out more information)
- Wednesday, May 27th 6:30PM —One Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- Friday, May 29th 6:00-8:00PM—Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church
- Friday, June 5th 6:00-8:00PM—Pizza & Game Night—RSVP to office by 6/4
- Friday, June 12th, 6:00-8:00PM—Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church

FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB

Join us for our summer read! We'll be tackling John Crowley's fantasy epic *Little, Big* over three Thursday meetings: 6/18 (parts 1 & 2), 7/16 (parts 3 & 4), & 8/20 (parts 5 & 6). All discussions are held in person at 7:30 PM in Conference Room. Beverages and light snacks are provided. Text Linnea (570 977 5006) or Jodi (845 699 1682) with questions or for help getting a copy of the book.

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