



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 6, 2026 | 10:00 AM
15th Sunday after Pentecost | Holy Communion
Theme: Lessons in Leadership
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Family of God, we live in a world full of conflict and division.

God calls us to be a people of reconciliation.

We live in a world full of misinformation and confusion.

God calls us to be a people of truth and clarity.

We live in a world that wants to settle disputes with harmful words and actions.

God calls us to be a people who make peace through compassion and honesty.

We live in a world that does not understand the ways of Jesus.

Yet Jesus teaches us to be a people of reconciliation and peace for the good of the whole world. Thanks be to God! 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 Come with Joy" (vs. 1-3) UMH 617

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Creator God, you call a broken people around your table and feed us with your love and wisdom. In times of disagreement, teach us to listen. Free us from prejudice and bind us to your way of forgiving grace, through Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of our gathering. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 18:15-20 NT. P.20

SERMON "Conflict"

ANTHEM "Is Not This Bread?" Glenn L. Rudolph

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "What Gift Can We Bring" (vs. 1&4) UMH 87

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Reconciling God, you mark our lives with mercy and you gather us into a people shaped by grace. As you taught your church to seek peace with one another, teach us to live every day clothed in patience, truth, and love. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your saving power and our commitment to your work of healing and restoration. Use what we offer to mend what is broken, welcome those who feel excluded, and build a community where forgiveness and hope have the final word. In Christ's name, we pray. 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

Friends in Christ, hear the good news: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15-16

LORD'S PRAYER

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**

"The Gift of Love"

UMH 408++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

GREETER | The Donson Family **LITURGIST** | Jack Donson
COFFEE HOUR | Church Mouse

PRAYER LIST: Marilyn Shultz, Jan Lucciola, Whit Trumbell, Bob Korn, Bob, Paula & Laura Hendricks, Rhonda Leister, Sue Reimlinger, Adam Slate, Joel, Trudy Gelfand, Linda Kent, Linda Grady, Betsy Gramer, Steve Swanson, Jerry Graham, Joe Allred, Teresa Graham, Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Cassie, Gwen Gilmore, Pam Sackett, Bradley Seltzer, Beth Klopfleisch, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, 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, James Bennet, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi

Did you know? The United Methodist Church has been a part of the labor movement throughout history and is committed to fairness and justice in the workplace? In the early 20th century the church was working to end child labor. And in the '50s, during our country's civil rights movement, we were fighting for fair wages and better working conditions. We were dedicated to fairness and justice in the workplace then, and we still are today.

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE *(NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)*

(CHILDREN WILL BE ESCORTED TO CLASS AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

CRAFTY LADIES: Thursdays 9:30 AM

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

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 8:30AM

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 11:30AM—

SUNDAY SCHOOL—WILL RESUME SUNDAY 9/13 - After Children's Message

BIBLE STUDY - WILL RESUME 9/14 Mondays 6:30PM Conf. Rm (H)

ESL Classes: Mon 9:00-11:00AM & Tues 8:00-10:00AM in Conference Room

Fridays 11AM—FRIDAY FRIENDS Bible Study @ Twin Cedars—All Welcome

- **Monday, September 7th—LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED (No ESL Class)**
- **Friday, September 11th-5-7PM Fish & Chips Dinner— PRE-ORDERS DUE by 9/10**
- **Friday, September 11th—6-8PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd**
- **Saturday, September 12th—LUMOS Concerts—Helpers Needed for Concession**
- **Thursday, September 17th 7:30PM Faith & Fiction Book Group (Conf. Rm.)**
- **Saturday, September 19th 4-6PM - CABARET NIGHT—ALL WELCOME**
- **Monday, September 21st—5PM International Day of Peace—
PEACE POLE Dedication—Front Lawn**
- **Tuesday, September 22nd Noon-1PM—MS Support Group (H) Conf. Rm**
- **Saturday, September 26th 5PM—Dinner Church Fellowship Hall**



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