



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 3, 2026 | 5th Sunday of Easter | Holy Communion

10:00 AM Theme: Stories That Matter

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Jesus Loves Me”

UMH 191++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Ever-gracious, Way-Making God, we celebrate the gifts of your Spirit. You call us to take up the mantle of justice and to follow wherever faith leads us. You fill us with strength and hope, and you invite us to share in the cost and joys of discipleship. You promise us splendor and beauty in this life and in the world to come. Meet us here, we pray, that your word will be fulfilled in our hearing and that your Spirit will fill us with courage, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MUSIC TIME

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:1-14

NT. 108-9

SERMON

“Your Know the Way”

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Come Share the Lord”

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

“To God Be the Glory” (verse 1)

UMH 98++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Way-Making God, through Jesus you show us the way, the truth, and the life— calling us to deeper trust, wider welcome, and greater works of grace. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, and in our courage. We give, because we’ve heard your voice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, hear the good news: Jesus came not to condemn us, but to love us and save us and show us the way. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

Alleluia! 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

***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**

“Victory in Jesus”(vs.1&2)

UMH 370++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

GREETER | Joan Arlequeeuw **LITURGIST** | Janette Hendrick

FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR | The Keay Family

PRAYER LIST: Joe Allred, Teresa Graham, Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Sue & Gregg Rhodes, 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

Today's Communion Offering will be dedicated to our Shared Ministries

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

BIBLE STUDY (Bible Basics) will be offered on Monday nights at 6:30pm (5/4, 5/11) and for 5 weeks in June (6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29) (H)

- Sunday, May 3rd 12PM—New Member Class (Conference Room)
- Sunday, May 3rd 5PM—Green Team Nature Hike @ Cornelia and Florence Bridge Preserve
- Friday, May 8th 6-8PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church
- 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 4:30 PM—Camp Speers Gardening Day (contact Jodi H. at clarity172@yahoo.com to RSVP or find out more information)
- Friday, May 29th—Ecumenical 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 meetings: 6/18 (parts 1 & 2), 7/16 (parts 3 & 4), and 8/20 (parts 5 & 6). All discussions are held in person at 7:30 PM in the MUMC 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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