



*Sharing Abundance*

## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 8, 2023 | 19th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 AM

Theme: **Sharing Abundance**  
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor  
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who stand in awe before God. Happy are all who walk in God's ways.

*The true and living God turns us from our idols. The Spirit directs us in the way we should go.*

Link your hearts with one another in God's presence. Know that we are a part of God's family.

*The love of God chooses and unites us. That love causes us to value ourselves and others.*

\* CONGREGATION STANDS AS COMFORTABLE    CONGREGATION RESPONSE IN **BOLD Italic**

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

*We bow down before you, Sovereign God, for your power fills the universe and your ways are beyond our knowing. We, who so often feel like strangers to you and to one another, want to understand more fully what it means to live in your realm, guided by your Spirit. Meet us where we are. Forgive us when we let our comfort stand in the way of the cries and struggles of the poor, the hungry, the sick, and the prisoner. Move us to fuller communion with you and with all your children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*OPENING HYMN                      "Take My Life, and Let It Be"                      UMH 399

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON                      Ruth 2:1-3, 8-12                      OT p. 242

SERMON                      "Choices Made"

ANTHEM                      "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"                      John Carter

PASTORAL PRAYER  
THE LORD'S PRAYER                      UMH 895

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

#### OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY                      "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"                      UMH 94++

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Giver of all gifts, we dedicate ourselves with our offerings to serve in the spirit of Christ. As we seek your blessing we ask that you bless all people everywhere. May we love you and one another as we grow in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*CLOSING HYMN                      "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"                      UMH 400++

#### \*SENDING FORTH POSTLUDE

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament    UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal  
TFWS: The Faith We Sing    ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

**GREETERS** | Penny Werner **LITURGIST** | Dick Weifert  
**FLOWERS** | Sign up with office **FELLOWSHIP** | Sign up with office

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**PRAYER LIST:** Dale Chanson, Sherry Raser, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, Geoff Peckham, James Bennet, Barbara Repenning, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Jodi Hancock, Gloria Schneider, Marge Carofano, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Kathleen Jewel, Michael Gilmore, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Robert Keuhne Sr., Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

**Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!**

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**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)

- **TODAY 2PM Blessing of the Animals—All Welcome Meet in Front of Church**
- **CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Sanctuary
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday at 11:30 AM** in Sanctuary
- **CRAFTY LADIES: Thursday at 9:30 AM Meets in Craft Room** (no meetings 10.12 & 10.19)

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

- **Monday, Oct. 16th 6:30PM NEW MEMBER CLASS (Community Room/Hybrid)**
- **Tuesday, Oct. 17th 6PM FINANCE MEETING (Online)**
- **Wednesday, Oct. 18th 6:30PM RECONCILING MINISTRIES (Community Rm/Hybrid)**
- **Saturday, October 21st 12-4PM MUMC FALL CELEBRATION**
- **Tuesday, October 24th 6:30PM CHURCH COUNCIL (Conference Room/Hybrid)**
- **Sunday, October 29th 10AM CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**
- **Tuesday, October 31st 4-8PM Church Open for Trick-or-Treaters**
- **Saturday, November 4th 11AM CHURCH CONFERENCE (Trinity UMC, Hackettstown, NJ)**
- **Wednesday, November 8th 6PM TRUSTEES (Conference Room)**
- **Friday & Saturday, November 10-11 10AM ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE**

**THANK YOU !!!** Our Special Offering for World Communion Sunday raised **\$270.00** Our donations allow the UMC to award not only scholarships but also grants, mentoring and training in leadership development for aspiring church leaders around the world. As always, you are invited to GIVE as you are able, LEARN ([umc.org/world-communion-sunday](http://umc.org/world-communion-sunday)) and PRAY for those who are called to serve.



We are looking to grow stronger in several areas of the church and looking for those who are interested in being part of a team. The focus is on **WORSHIP, EDUCATION, and COMMUNICATION**. Please reach out to Pastor Jenn if any of these teams sound like they might be a fit for your interests and talents! Thank you!