



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 26, 2026 | 4th 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, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. 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 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" UMH 147

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for each and every one of us. When we face darkness and death, you journey beside us. When we hunger for your love, you fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, you feed us at your own table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

CREATION CARE MOMENT Maria Cirillo-Lein

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING John 10:1-10 NT. 103

SERMON "Knowing That Voice"

BELL CHOIR "For the Beauty of the Earth" Lloyd Larsen

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful Shepherd, who calls us by name, you invite us into a life that is rich in meaning, deep in joy, and bold in compassion. You speak, and we long to follow—although the world is noisy and the path unclear. In this moment of offering, we quiet our hearts to listen again. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. May they be used to bring abundance to others, to feed the hungry, to strengthen the lost, and to proclaim your voice of love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH 92

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

GREETER | The Geno Family **LITURGIST** | Lorna Cuevas

FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR | The Green Team

PRAYER LIST: Teresa Graham, Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Sue & Gregg Rhodes, Cassie, Gwen Gilmore, Pam Sackett, Bradley Seltzer, Beth Klopffleisch, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, Pat Corcoran, 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, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi



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

- Sunday, April 26th 12PM—New Member Class (Conference Room)

BIBLE STUDY (Bible Basics) will be offered on Monday nights at 6:30pm (4/27, 5/4, 5/11) and for 5 weeks in June (6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29) (H)

- Tuesday, April 28, Noon—MS Support Group (Fellowship Hall) (H)
- Tuesday, April 28, 4PM—Nominations/Leadership Development Committee Mtg. (Conference Room)
- Friday, May 1st 6-8PM—Pizza & Game Night (Fellowship Hall)-RSVP to church office
- Saturday, May 2nd Noon-4PM—Spring Community Celebration of the Arts & Food Drive for our Little Food Pantry
- 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

Next Sunday, May 3rd our Communion Offering will be dedicated to our Shared Ministries Contribution.

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