



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 30, 2026 | 10:00 AM

14th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Lesson in Leadership

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist us and the good news.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

God's call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But we are not alone. God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. 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

"Holy Ground"

TFWS 2272

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Holy Spirit of God, pour your light into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the Good News of your love. And help us then to know how to share it with all the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Creator, are One God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOISY OFFERING

DRAMATIC READING

Exodus 3:1-15

OT p.50

SERMON

"Acceptance"

SPECIAL MUSIC

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you call ordinary people from unexpected places and send them into sacred service. As you met Moses in the fire that did not consume, meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us by your presence, not by fear; by service, not by power; by love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive our offering as a sign that we trust your "I AM" to go with us and that we are willing to follow Jesus, even when the way is demanding. Use what we offer to bring freedom, healing, and hope to your world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CLOSING HYMN

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593++

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

GREETER / LITURGIST | Liz Steen
COFFEE HOUR | Crafty Ladies

PRAYER LIST: 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 Klopffleisch, 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

Helpers Always Needed! Our Information Board and Sign Up Sheets for a Number of Church Activities has been permanently placed in the Narthex (Lobby) to the right of the entry. Please check out all the church is doing and where you might find a place to use your gifts! If you have any questions, any of our church leaders will be happy to speak with you!

WHAT'S A PEACE POLE?

Peace poles are now the most recognized monument dedicated to peace on earth.

They represent the highest aspirations of peace and goodwill inherent in the human heart transcending race, religion and creed.

Peace Poles serve as vehicles to carry the message, May Peace Prevail On Earth, out to every corner on earth. They are planted to uplift, empower and elevate the human consciousness to embrace the oneness of our global family.

Join us in worship, Sunday, September 20th to help decorate our Peace Pole and on Monday the 21st at 5PM to Dedicate it and place it on our Front Lawn.



We will be hosting the Tastefully British Food Truck again on Friday, Sept. 11th from 5-7PM. Pre-Order by Sept. 10th.

Choice of Fish or Chicken/Adult or Child

ADULT \$20 CHILD \$10—DROP OFF ORDERS TO CHURCH OFFICE /CALL or EMAIL

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—Resumes Today!

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 11:30AM—Resumes Today!

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: Tuesdays 8:00-10:00AM in Conference Room

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

- **Today, August 30th—10 AM –Noisy Offering:** *Bring your loose change to make a change*
- Wednesday, Sept. 2nd 6:30 PM Nominations Committee (Conf. Rm) (H)
- Friday, September 4th—6-8PM—Pizza & Game Night (Fellowship Hall)-RSVP for Pizza
- Monday, September 7th—LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED
- **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**

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