



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 2, 2025 | Transfiguration Sunday | Holy Communion

Where You Are: *Far Horizons* | 10:00 AM

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

Elijah Keay, Special Music

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Disciples of Christ, today our Savior calls us to come up the mountain and pray. Will we go?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Disciples of Christ, will we follow when Christ's glory overwhelms our senses, and we sit astounded at God's greatness?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Disciples of Christ, will we follow when Jesus insists we return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

We will go wherever Jesus leads us.

Disciples of Christ, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and in the eyes of our neighbors.

Come, let us worship God, whose glory shines all around us, even now!

*OPENING HYMN

"Shine Jesus, Shine

TFWS 2173

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Surprising God, whose love leads us to new experiences, help us to be open to your appearance among us and within. Let us sense your glory in the sights and sounds of this day. Confront us with your law and the prophets' word, that our lives may more fully reflect your purposes. May your Spirit move us to speak of the light that you reveal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

NT p.69-70

SERMON

"Astonishing"

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Glorious God, who reveals the light of your presence, we bring these gifts as a testament to your transforming power. As Jesus was transfigured before his disciples, transform us to reflect your love and grace. Use these offerings to shine your light in the world, bringing hope and healing. In the name of your beloved Son, 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

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sung Responses

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**

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE**

OUR MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING WILL BE DEDICATED TO UMCOR

UMCOR's goal is to assist vulnerable people affected by crisis or chronic need without regard to their nationality, race, religion or status. We believe all people have God-given worth and dignity. One of the beautiful things about The United Methodist Church is that, together, we can accomplish far more than we could on our own. Our collective gifts help strengthen the ministry of UMCOR. Learn more about the mission at

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor/>

GREETER | Liz Steen **LITURGIST** | Pam Houskeeper

FELLOWSHIP | Laurie & Dave Osczepinski

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)

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 11:30 AM in Sanctuary
- **CRAFTY LADIES:** No Meetings Until Further Notice—Winter Break

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

- **TODAY after Worship—SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE (FELLOWSHIP HALL)**
- **Wednesday, March 5th 7:00 PM—Taize Ash Wednesday Service**
- **Thursday, March 6th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—"The Difficult Words of Jesus"**
- **Friday, March 7th 6-8PM— Pizza & Game Night (RSVP for Pizza)**
- **Tuesday, March 11th 6PM—Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)**
- **Thursday, March 13th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—"The Difficult Words of Jesus"**
- **Friday, March 14th 6:15PM—Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church**
- **Tuesday, March 18th 6:30 PM—Finance Meeting (H)**

PRAYER LIST Pope Francis, Jane Ridley, Maureen Tresenreiter, Morgan Frey, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, immigrants, refugees and marginalized communities, Connie Reed, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Jay Norejko, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Michele Burrell, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Camilla, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, Arlene Moglia, Michael Gilmore, The Whateley Family, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee

WE WELCOME ALL!

Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews and place in collection plate. Thank you.



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