



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 5, 2023 | 5th Sunday after Epiphany | 10:00 AM

Holy Communion

Theme: Beatitudes

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 24:1-6

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it,
for he has founded it on the seas and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

*Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their
souls to what is false and do not swear deceitfully.*

They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their sal-
vation.

*Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the
God of Jacob.*

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

*Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no
secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*OPENING HYMN

"Change My Heart, O God" (2x)

TFWS #2152++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Matthew 15:1-3, 10-20

NT pp. 16-17

Matthew 5:1-2, 8

NT p.4

SERMON

"Stand Up for God's Will"

ANTHEM

"Sing to the Lord with a Joyful Song"

by J. Gallina

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, you are forgiven!

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15-16

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING 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**

“Blest Are They”

TFWS 2155

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

GREETERS | Linda Ryder **LITURGIST** | Nancy McCallum
FELLOWSHIP | Martha Dubensky & Agnes Halsey

*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.

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

PRAYER LIST: Lorraine Gregory, All the Victims of the Recent Mass Shootings, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Nancy McCallum, Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, California Residents, Tornado Victims, Joyce Van Nest and Family, Raymond Vetter, Jeffrey Buyse, Ruth Townsend, the family of Bill Davis, Jr., Nicole Dunn Hernandez, Jay Norejko, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Paul and Pat Ingold, Jean Troutman, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Barbara Myer, Joan Wortman, Valerie Dimatteo, Maureen Tresenreiter, Kelly Foster and family, Roy Sirel and family, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Gina Benroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Gina Alfano Walsh, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Every **Sunday at 9:30 AM**

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every **Sunday at 11:30 AM** following worship service

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

RECONCILING MINISTRIES: Wednesday, February 8 at 6:30 PM (in-person & online)

VISION TEAM: Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 PM (in-person & online)

TRUSTEES: Monday, February 13 at 6:30 PM (in-person & online)

SPRC: Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 PM (in-person & online)

FINANCE: Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 PM (online)

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday, February 22

12:00 PM Imposition of Ashes 7:00 PM Imposition of Ashes & Service

CHURCH COUNCIL: Tuesday, February 28 (online)

JOIN US DURING FELLOWSHIP TIME SUNDAYS through February 12 for a brief video by Rev. Adam Hamilton explaining why he's **ProudToBeUMC**. Grab coffee and refreshments as we explore the beliefs and practices of The United Methodist Church.

WE ARE ACCEPTING RESUMES FOR AN OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR. If anyone is interested in applying for the open position, resumes must be received in the Church office by **Feb. 13, 2023**.

TODAY'S OFFERING is in support of **HUMAN RELATIONS DAY**, gifts received for the offering help to build Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of the 'beloved community' through programs such as Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Services and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. In 2022, United Methodists gave \$244,058 in support of these programs. As always, GIVE as you are able, LEARN ('Like' the UMCGiving Facebook page) and, of course, PRAY for the recipients of our gifts. As United Methodists, we believe that the WORLD is our parish.

WE WELCOME ALL!

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link: www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC. The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website: www.milfordmethodists.org. It is located under the Worship Heading on the site. If you would like to be on our email list, please contact the office at www.milfordmethodist@gmail.com or (570) 296-6124.

***The church office will be closed Monday, February 20, 2023
in observance of President's Day***