

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 14, 2024 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion 10:00 AM

Theme: How Shall We Live?

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we live when lavished with love?

"We are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future."

Just as in our origins, our future is tied to our planet.

Our Creator has given us partners for mutual flourishing.

Let us worship God, who makes all things new.

* 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

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of Hope, we see your love poured out for us in all the world. Make us more like you. Teach us to live together as one community: human and beyond-human, creature and created to your glory, so your love is known among all the living, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" UMH 702

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 3:1-7 NT p.240

SERMON "We Purify in Hope"

ANTHEM "Rejoice, O My Spirit" J.S. Bach

OFFERING

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Creator God, your love has poured out upon us, and we are grateful. You have taught us to offer hospitality and to share what you have given us. This we do, joyfully, and with thankful hearts. Receive these tokens of our renewed dedication and bless them to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, 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

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**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

UMH 384++

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE *(NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS 10:15 IN EDUCATION WING

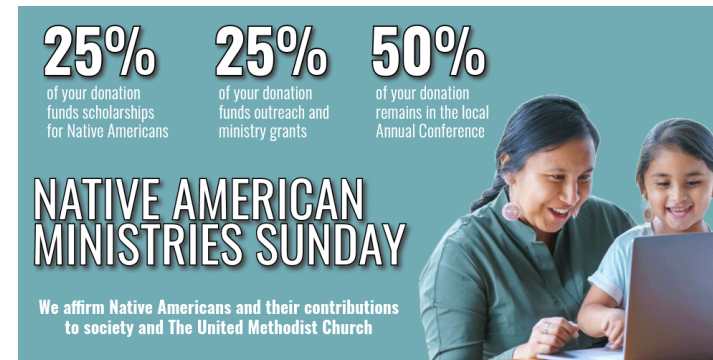
(CHILDREN WILL BE ESCORTED TO CLASS AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Sanctuary
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday at 11:30 AM** in Sanctuary
- **CRAFTY LADIES: Thursday 9:30 AM**

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

- **Monday, April 15th 6:30 PM** Trustees Meeting (Hybrid) Community Rm
- **Tuesday, April 16th 6:00 PM** Finance Meeting (Hybrid) Conf. Rm
- **Tuesday, April 23rd 6:30 PM** Church Council Meeting (Hybrid) Conf.Rm
- **Friday, May 3rd 6:00 PM** Family Game Night (RSVP for Pizza)
- **Friday, May 10th 6:15PM** Food Pantry Team @Good Shepherd

PRAYER LIST: Pam Sackett, Kevin Cornine, Sr., Richard, Alex, and Maria Wormser, Bobbie Myer, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Richard Holt, Michael Gilmore, Noah Shevlin, Stephanie Hartman, The Whateley Family, Fred Myers, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Gloria Schneider, Karen Boehning, Ernie Balch, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Dianne Siconolfi



What is Native American Ministries Sunday?

This Special Sunday is a denomination wide celebration designed to raise awareness and remind us of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. A gap in knowledge exists in The United Methodist Church, in congregations and other United Methodist entities, relative to comprehending concepts of Native American life, cultures, languages, such. We affirm the sacredness of indigenous people, their languages, cultures, and gifts to the church and the world. Churches are encouraged to donate through their local churches or [give online](#).

WE WELCOME ALL!
Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!
 If you would like to be on our email list, please contact the office at www.milfordmethodists@gmail.com or (570) 296-6124.

GREETER | Maryann Schneider **LITURGIST** | Gregg Rhodes

FLOWERS | Sign Up with Church Office

FELLOWSHIP | Join us downstairs after the service for a time of Fellowship



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