



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 5, 2025 | 17th Sunday after Pentecost

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | 10:00 AM

Theme: Choosing Faith

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE “Wonderful Words Of Life Setting” J. Wayne Kerr

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around

The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

How many threats surround us; warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still – the One in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!

***OPENING HYMN** “Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom” UMH 508

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Almighty God, for the gift of faith which sees beyond the present moment and looks to an eternity, we thank you. For the gift of faith as small as a mustard seed, which has power within its simplicity, we thank you. For the gift of faith bestowed on those who would simply come, with hearts opened in humility, we thank you. For all these things and more, we thank you, in the precious name of Jesus Christ. Amen

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 17:5-10 NT p. 62

SERMON “Faith to Change”
ANTHEM “Because He Lives” Arr. Roy Ringwald

OFFERING
OFFERTORY “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” Lowell Mason
***DOXOLOGY** “Bless Thou the Gifts” UMH 587

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Faithful God, our source and sustainer, you call us to believe beyond what we see, and to serve without seeking reward. Take these gifts as seeds of trust, planted in hope, and watered with gratitude. Even when our faith feels small, you multiply our offerings into acts of healing, welcome, and justice. Increase not only our faith, but our willingness to serve 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.

TODAY’S COMMUNION OFFERING IS DEDICATED TO WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. THIS SPECIAL SUNDAY OFFERING SUPPORTS nurturing diverse leadership within the church by allocating funds for scholarships and leadership training for under-represented students.

* 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

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

UMH 15-16

LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UMH 664++

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

“Spirit of Faith Come Down”

Sacred Harp (Mason)

GREETER | Hancock Family LITURGIST | Leslie Lordi

FELLOWSHIP | Finance Committee

PRAYER LIST Ted Ilsley, Scott Seltzer, Arlene Moglia, Steve Shay, Barbara Cooper, Lydia Boronow, Beth Klopfleisch, David Scheer, Mike St. Jean, Doug Cosh, Derrick White, Joanne Green, Sue Rhodes, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi

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:** Thursdays 9:30 AM

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

- **Today, October 5th—1 PM Blessing of the Animals**
- **Saturday, October 11th— 12-4PM Fall Community Arts Festival—**
Volunteers Needed to Bake for Bake Sale Table, Help with Setup & Cleanup and help with Craft Tables and Hospitality.
- **Tuesday, October 14th—Trustees Meeting 6PM—Conference Room**
- **Friday, October 24th 6:15PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry@Good Shepherd**
- **Saturday, October 25th— 10AM—12Noon MUMC Church Conference—**
SPARTA UMC 71 S Sparta Ave, Sparta, NJ 07871
- **Wednesday, October 29th— 6PM—Finance Meeting**
6:30PM—Church Council Meeting

- **Friday, October 31st—Halloween Popcorn Distribution—details to follow**
- **Friday, Nov. 7th 1-5PM & Saturday, Nov. 8th 9AM-3PM**

CRAFTY LADIES ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE

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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