



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 9, 2025 | 5th Sunday After The Epiphany
Souper Bowl of Caring | 10:00 AM
 Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
 Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "A Quiet Place" John M. Rasley

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**

Beloved, the Savior calls to us. Will we follow?

Loving God, help us leave everything and follow.

Christ's call persists through the clouds of doubt, fear, and worry that descend on our path. Will we follow?

Persistent God, help us leave everything and follow.

Jesus calls us to shift our priorities, to leave behind the baggage of prejudice and the grasping for position so we can truly love God and our neighbors well. Will we follow?

Disruptive God, help us leave everything and follow.

Beloved, receive this good news: we are not alone! Today we answer Christ's call together!

Communal God, help us leave everything and follow your path of Love everywhere we go! Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"(vs. 1,2) UMH 344

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Compelling God, some of us come to you out of simple curiosity. Some come to you out of great need. Some have come out of habit or tradition, but we all come seeking to meet Jesus. Bless us in this time together, and may we all find the hope and strength we need to follow in the Way of Jesus. In his precious name we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 5:1-11 NT p.62

SERMON "Leave Everything to Follow"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH 889

ANTHEM "Come Follow Me"

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Tu Has Venido a la Orilla" Cesareo Gabarain

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Ever-faithful God, you call us into the deep waters of faith and trust. We offer these gifts with open hearts and pray that you will transform our offerings into acts of love and service. Guide us to live deeply and to follow Christ's call to be fishers of people in your abundant grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS 2129++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE** "Where He Leads Me" John S. Norris

GREETER | Linda Ryder **LITURGIST** | Jack Donson

FLOWERS | Sign up with office **FELLOWSHIP** | Liz Steen

PRAYER LIST 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



**Our Communion Offerings for January and February
Supporting our Shared Ministry Contribution and
Black College Fund totaled \$552.00.**

Thank you for your generosity!

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

- **Tuesday, February 11th 6:00 PM—Trustees Meeting**
- **Friday, February 14th 6:16 PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry (Good Shepherd)**
- **Tuesday, February 18th 6:30 PM—Finance Committee Mtg (H)**
- **Thursday, February 20th 6:30 PM—Reconciling Ministries Mtg (H)**
- **Tuesday, February 27th 6:30 PM—Church Council (H)**
- **Friday, March 7th 6-8PM— Pizza & Game Night**

WE WELCOME ALL!

Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews.

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.

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