



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 23, 2026 | 10:00 AM

13th Sunday after Pentecost Theme: Lessons in Leadership

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In a world where powerful people make decisions to lift themselves up and cast others aside, how does God teach us to use our power?

God teaches us to protect the vulnerable, resist the oppressors, and persist in doing good.

In a world where power means might, how does God show us what power means?

God shows us through the midwives' daring, Miriam's boldness, and a King's daughter's compassion.

In a world where power is held over people's heads, how does God exercise power?

God exercises power with the oppressed, the outcasts, the poor and downtrodden.

Beloved, we gather to recognize our world as it is and to grow as disciples and imitators of Christ. So, how will we use our power today?

We will side with the vulnerable, build community in the margins, and love all of our neighbors with the exuberant and all-encompassing love of Christ.

*OPENING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Creator God, help us to have a wise and modest estimate of our own powers and to live in full contact with all things high, true, and good. Teach us our failings and faults, giving us courage to acknowledge and overcome them, by your grace. Lift us above the unstable currents of our self-will and establish us on the rock of your purposes. May your Spirit dwell in us so that your peace may possess our hearts and minds, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DRAMATIC READING

Exodus 1:8-2:10

OT p.49

SERMON

"Power"

SPECIAL MUSIC

Elijah Keay, Carolyn Krejmas, Nancy McCallum, Laurie Oszczepinski

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, you reveal true power not through fear or force, but through love that gives life and builds community. You call us to know who we are because we know whose we are—your people, shaped by Christ and sent for the sake of the world. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in your way of life over the ways of death and use them to strengthen your church that others may find identity and hope in Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*CLOSING HYMN

"Be Still My Soul"

UMH 534++

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

* 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

GREETER 	Joan Arlequeeuw
LITURGIST 	Janette Hendrick
COFFEE HOUR 	Church Mouse

PRAYER LIST: Bob, Paula & Laura Hendricks, Rhonda Leister, Sue Reimlinger, Adam Slate, Joel, Trudy Gelfand, Linda Kent, Linda Grady, Betsy Gramer, Steve Swanson, Jerry Graham, Joe Allred, Teresa Graham, Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Cassie, Gwen Gilmore, Pam Sackett, Bradley Seltzer, Beth Klopfleisch, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Barbara Urban, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Joanne Green, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Geoff Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, James Bennet, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi

Helpers Always Needed! Our Information Board and Sign Up Sheets for a Number of Church Activities has been permanently placed in the Narthex (Lobby) to the right of the entry. Please check out all the church is doing and where you might find a place to use your gifts! If you have any questions, any of our church leaders will be happy to speak with you!



**August 29th
5PM**

**FELLOWSHIP
HALL**

POT LUCK

What is Dinner Church? It's church centered around a shared meal! Experience worship, community, and meaningful discussion in a relaxed, family-style setting. Join us as we feed both body and soul.



We will be hosting the Tastefully British Food Truck again on Friday, Sept. 11th from 5-7PM. Pre-Order by Sept. 10th.

Choice of Fish or Chicken/Adult or Child

**ADULT \$20 CHILD \$10—DROP OFF ORDERS
TO CHURCH OFFICE /CALL or EMAIL**

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE (NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)
(CHILDREN WILL BE ESCORTED TO CLASS AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

CRAFTY LADIES: Thursdays 9:30 AM

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

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 8:30AM—Resumes 8/30

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 11:30AM—Resumes 8/30

SUNDAY SCHOOL—WILL RESUME SUNDAY 9/13 - After Children's Message

BIBLE STUDY - WILL RESUME 9/14 Mondays 6:30PM Conf. Rm (H)

ESL Classes: Tuesdays 8:00-10:00AM in Conference Room

Fridays 11AM—FRIDAY FRIENDS Bible Study @ Twin Cedars—All Welcome

- Tuesday August 25th Noon— MS Support Group (Conf. Rm/H)
- Wednesday, August 26th 6:30PM—One Board Meeting (Conf. Room)
- Thursday, August 27th 6:30PM—Faith in Action Meeting (Conf. Rm.) —All Welcome!!!
- Saturday, August 29th Noon-2PM— Choir Gathering hosted by the Fornoffs— Are you interested in learning more about our Adult Choir and Bell Choir? All Welcome.
- **Saturday, August 29th 5PM—Dinner Church in Fellowship Hall (Pot Luck)**
- **Sunday, August 30th—10 AM —Noisy Offering:** *Bring your loose change to make a change*
- Friday, September 4th—6-8PM—Pizza & Game Night (Fellowship Hall)
- Friday, September 11th— 5-7PM Fish & Chips Dinner
- Friday, September 11th—6-8PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd
- **Saturday, September 12th—LUMOS Concerts - Limited Tickets available**
<https://www.lumos-experiences.com/event/a-queen-vs-elton-john-candlelight-experience-in-milford-pa-saturday-september-12th/>

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