



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 21, 2024 | 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany  
 10:00 AM Theme: Roots  
 Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor  
 Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

It all begins with God's grace –  
*a gift of God's love.*

Grace cannot be put in a box.

*We receive God's grace even before we know it's there.*

God shows us grace, not because of what we do,  
*but because we are beloved, cherished, and forgiven!*

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\* 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

*Loving God, you surround us in your grace so fully that sometimes we don't even know it's there. Grace goes before us, with us, and behind us: our very breath and life. Thank you for this unending gift that calls us into life and love, makes our relationship with you right, and transforms us to become more and more like Jesus. In this time of worship, help us to know and treasure your grace more deeply. Warm our hearts by its fire. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

#### \*OPENING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

UMH 378++

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:4-10

NT p.192

#### SERMON

"Grace"

#### ANTHEM

"Song of Celebration"

Allen Pote

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

#### OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Wonderful God, we thank you that your grace not only flows to us but also flows through us. We thank you for the opportunity to give today and for our United Methodist family where we provide for one another through leadership, financial support, and love. May our giving be pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

"Grace Alone"

TFWS 2162++

#### \*SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

**GREETER** | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Leslie Lordi  
**FLOWERS** | Sign up with office **FELLOWSHIP** | Linda Grady

**PRAYER LIST:** Jane Frey, The Family of Ray Vetter (Houskeeper), The Family of Cathi Schoope, The Lantieri Family, The Whateley Family, Betty Kenyon, Fred Meyers, Renee Dellarocca, David Heim, Nancy Heim, Doug Houskeeper, Pam Houskeeper, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Gloria Schneider, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Michael Gilmore, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi

**It is time for one of our most beloved mission projects, "THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING" ! We will begin accepting donations of cans of soup or dollars for soup, Sunday Jan. 14th—up until Sunday, Feb.11th.**

**Tackle Hunger and the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has created over \$193 million worth of support that stays completely local to make sure no one goes without soup in their bowl!**



*Thank you to everyone who gave donations of baby needs and contributions towards our Baby Shower for Mary & Joseph: our January Mission Project and dedicated Communion Offering. Together we raised \$336 for the Dingmans Ferry Baby Blessings Pantry and will donate dozens of diapers and other baby goods.*

## **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:** Meetings Begin Thursday, March 7th 9:30 AM

**MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](https://bit.ly/MUMCZoom)**

- **Sunday, January 14th-Sunday, February 11th**  
**Collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring**
- **Monday, January 22nd 6:30PM-Reconciling Ministries (Hybrid)**
- **Tuesday, January 23rd 6PM—Finance Meeting (Online)**
- **Tuesday, January 30th 6:30PM-Church Council Meeting (Hybrid)**
- **Friday, February 2nd 6-8 PM Game Night w/ Pizza (RSVP please)**

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

**Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!**

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link: [www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC](https://www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC).

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website: [www.milfordmethodists.org](https://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.milfordmethodists@gmail.com](mailto:www.milfordmethodists@gmail.com) or (570) 296-6124.

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