



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 14, 2023 | Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mothers Day | 10:00 AM

Theme: Rising Strong

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come together today seeking refuge and unification during conflict.

*Help us to address our fears and listen to each other.*

We pray for resolving disagreements while we open ourselves to seeing both sides.

*Help us to bring about change and to welcome new ideas.*

*All: Gracious God, grant us peace in finding the unity which strengthens us.*

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

*Lord of Life and God of all, we long for unity and peace in our communities, in our houses of worship, and among fellow believers. Through your steadfast love, O God, help us to let go of fear and to live in the freedom of joyful obedience. With patience and understanding we open our hearts to your grace in order to rise from conflict to harmony and wholeness, through Jesus Christ, in whom your word and love prevail. Amen.*

\*OPENING HYMN "The Church's One Foundation" UMH 545

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 15:1-6 P. 134

SERMON "Rising from Conflict"

ANTHEM Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven John Carter

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 885

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

#### OFFERING

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

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Almighty and everlasting God, since the early days of your church, collective offerings have helped provide for the needs of your people. As we offer these gifts, help us to remember the many blessings we have from your love and how we can share them with others, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*CLOSING HYMN "Grace Alone" TFWS 2162++

#### \*SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GREETERS** | Penny Werner **LITURGIST** | Liz Steen

**FELLOWSHIP** | \*

**FLOWERS** | Maureen & Franz Tresenreiter in Memory of Alice & David Kendall

\*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.

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 LIST: Gloria Schneider, Sherri & Ells Van Houton, Minnie Weinstock, Marge Carofano.** Chet Rideout, Karen Boehning, The Conklin Family, Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Kathleen Jewel, The Family of Charles Zuroff, Michael Gilmore, Kevin Walter, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

### **WE WELCOME ALL!**

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link:

[www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC).

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website:

[www.milfordmethodists.org](http://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

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### **CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP SERVICE**

(NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

**CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Every **Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Sanctuary.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Every **Sunday after Children's Message**

**BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Every **Sunday at 11:30 AM** following worship service

**CRAFTY LADIES:** Every **Thursday at 9:30 AM**

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

**RECONCILING MINISTRIES:** Wednesday, May 17 6:30PM (Hybrid)

**TRUSTEES:** Wednesday, May 17 7PM (Hybrid)

**GARDEN GROUP WORK DAY:** Saturday, May 20 10AM-1PM

**FINANCE MEETING:** Tuesday, May 23 6:00 (Online)

**VISION TEAM:** Wednesday, May 24 6:30 (Hybrid)

**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Tuesday, May 30 6:30 (Online)

**NEW MEMBER CLASSES** Tomorrow 6:30– 8:00PM If you're interested in becoming a member of Milford United Methodist Church, or simply curious and eager to learn more, we invite you to participate in our Spring New Member Classes. In-person in the Conference Room and online via Zoom link [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](https://bit.ly/MUMCZoom).

**JUNE BOOK STUDY:** **Wednesdays in June (Hybrid) 7-8PM** An exciting lay-led book study coming your way in June! "*Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation*" by Kristin Kobes Du Mez, PhD, a professor of history and gender studies at Calvin University, looks at the last 75 years of white evangelicalism, showing how some American evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism. The book is available through Amazon. Join us in person or by Zoom for four Wednesday weekly sessions starting **June 7th and ending June 28th**.

In preparation for the book study, we will be showing two brief videos on **May 21st** and **May 28th** during fellowship time. For more information, contact Pam Houskeeper at [rockband@ptd.net](mailto:rockband@ptd.net) or Pat Moulton at [pmoulton01@gmail.com](mailto:pmoulton01@gmail.com). All are welcome!

**GNJUMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** May 21-23, 2023 Wildwood, NJ Pastor Jenn and Liz Steen will be attending. Please keep them in prayer as they travel to and gather with other Clergy and Lay Leaders from the Greater New Jersey Conference for worship, business, and fellowship. The 2023 GNJ Conference's one-word theme is **Possibility**, inspired by Matthew 19:26, where Jesus assures us, "...with God all things are possible."