



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 15, 2024 | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00 AM

Theme: The Book of Revelation  
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor  
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MISSION MOMENT

Don Schulz, *Emmaus Community Lay Director*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Look up and see the heavens open to us. Sense the mystery of God's presence with us.

***God is never far from us, even though unknown. The Spirit gives us breath and keeps us alive.***

Have no fear, and do not be troubled. The Spirit of truth dwells in us.

***We rejoice in God's steadfast love. We are glad for God's faithfulness that redeems us.***

\*OPENING HYMN "Let All Things Now Living" TFWS 2008

### PRAYER OF CENTERING

*Elusive God, we seek to feel your presence and to experience the reality of your promises. Come dwell in us, we pray, that we may break out of the narrowness of our limited vision. Go with us through fire and water to sustain us in life's troubles. Be known to us now, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (vs. 1) UMH 611++

BAPTISM *Anthony Joseph Pentecharsky* UMH p. 33

SCRIPTURE LESSON Revelation 4:1-2; 5:1-7, 13 NT p. 247,248

SERMON "Vision"

ANTHEM "Shall We Gather at The River" Arr. John Carter

### PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

### OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY "To God Be the Glory" (verse 1) UMH 98++

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Almighty God, we give that others may live. We give to share with the world the presence and promise of a merciful God. May these offerings give blessing and hope to your children near and far, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\*CLOSING HYMN "See the Morning Sun Ascending" (verses 1&4) UMH 674

### \*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

## IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

**GREETER** | Pam Houskeeper **LITURGIST** | Liz Steen  
**FLOWERS** | In honor of Joan and Bill Arlequew's 57th Anniversary and Bill's Birthday  
**FELLOWSHIP** | The Pentecharsky Family in honor of A.J.'s Baptism

**PRAYER LIST:** Cathy Whitaker, Jane Frey, Camilla, Brian R-H, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Jay Norejko, Marlene Horan, Gloria Schneider, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Richard Holt, Michael Gilmore, The Whateley Family, Fred Myers, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Karen Boehning, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Dianne Siconolfi

**SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILD CARE** (IN COMMUNITY RM/NURSERY AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

**CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 8:30AM SANCTUARY**

**BELL CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 11:30AM SANCTUARY**

**CRAFTY LADIES: THURSDAYS 9:30 AM**

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

- **Tuesday, Sept. 17th 6:30PM**      **Reconciling Ministries (H)**
- **Wednesday, Sept. 18th 6PM-8PM**      **Sustainability Meeting –Zoom link will be sent out**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 24th 6:00 PM**      **Finance Committee Meeting (H)**
- **Tuesday, Sept. 24th 6:30PM**      **Church Council Meeting (H)**
- **Friday, Sept. 27th 6:15PM**      **Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church**
- **Sunday, Sept. 29th 6:30PM**      **Annual Church/Charge Conference (H)**
- **Friday, Oct. 4th 6PM**      **Pizza & Game Night**
- **Sunday, Oct. 6th 1PM**      **Blessing of the Animals**



### **BIBLE STUDY : JONAH**

Join us for a 4-week study on the Book of Jonah, the reluctant prophet. Sundays at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall  
September 22 - Week 1  
September 29 - Week 2  
October 6 - Week 3  
October 13 - Week 4



**Our Annual Church/Charge Conference Sunday, September 29th 6:30-8:30 PM** We will be conducting this year's meeting over Zoom AND In-Person! A charge/church conference is held to celebrate the progress made in the past year, set goals for the coming year, approve the pastor's compensation, elect congregational leaders. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Jenn or Pam Houskeeper, our Lay Leader.

**OCTOBER BOOK STUDY** This time it's how we handle aging in our society. The book is "Elderhood: Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine, Reimagining Life" by Louise Aronson, and is available from Amazon in paper, kindle, and audio formats. Sponsored by the Reconciling Ministries Team, the book study will occur weekly, virtually and in person, Thursday evenings 7-8PM in October, 3, 10, 17, and 24, virtual and in-person in our Community Room.

### **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:

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