



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 27, 2023 | 13th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00 AM

Theme: Three Simple Rules

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God and exalt the Author of Life. God sustains us and enables us to grow.

Praise God all who seek to live in faithfulness. Glorify God's name and join the loving community.

Know that we are chosen by God, holy and beloved. We are called into one body, the church of Jesus Christ.

Let us draw close to God and to one another. Let us join with all creation to worship God.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Faithful God, your wisdom fills the universe with possibilities we have not yet tapped. Your Word comes to us filled with riches we have not yet mined. Within ourselves is the potential for greatness as yet unrealized. Confront us here today with your eternal will for us, that we may become the kind, compassionate, and patient people you intend for us to be, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vs 1,2, & 4) UMH 92++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17 NT p201

SERMON "Do No Harm"

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

Gracious God, keep us from needless anxiety, that we may give without counting the cost. We are thankful for the love that gives us life, for the mission that gives us purpose, and for the peace that comes from Christ alone. Receive these offerings and use them for good in the world as we give in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS 2223++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

GREETERS | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Maryann Schneider

FELLOWSHIP | **FLOWERS** |

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: Family of Pastor Diane Sommers and Ray Sommers, Kenn

Sanders, David Kent, Family of Carol Smith, Geoff Peckham, James Bennet, Barbara Repenning, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Jodi Hancock, Gloria Schneider, Marge Carofano, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Kathleen Jewel, Michael Gilmore, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, 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, Robert Keuhne Sr., 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.

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.

If you would like to be on our email list, please contact the office at

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

(NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

CRAFTY LADIES: Every Thursday at 9:30 AM

Monday, August 28th 6:30PM **Vision Team** (Hybrid)

Tuesday, August 29th 6:30PM **Church Council Meeting** (Online)

Friday, September 1st 6:15 PM **Our turn at the Ecumenical Food Pantry**

Friday, September 8th 6-8PM **Family Game Night**—All Welcome!

Sign up with church office. Pizza will be served (GF Option available)

Sunday, September 10th 9:00 AM **1st Day of Sunday School BREAKFAST**

SEPT. 10th Sunday School Fall Session begins.

Sunday School age children are welcome to join in the class, which will begin after the children's message during Worship (approx. 10:15am). Our theme is "Celebrate Wonder" and the curriculum is designed to honor the spiritual life of children. It is for ages 3-12 and will engage children in open-ended exploration and inquiry of the bible. This will be a safe space for children to ask big questions and claim their identity as a child of God. Sign your child up through Church Office 570-296-6124

On September 3, 2023, our Communion Offering will be received in support of Immigrant Law and Justice of the Delaware Valley, an initiative of UMCOR and supported by the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference. ILJ provides free and low-cost immigration services for all. Please GIVE as you are able, LEARN (www.iljdv.org) and PRAY for a just, fair immigration system. The WORLD is our parish!