



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 8th, 2026 | Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Theme: Renewed in Mercy

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God!

*Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!*

Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

*We are the sheep of God's pasture, and we follow where God leads us.*

Come, let us open our hearts!

*We receive God's love poured into our hearts through the Spirit.*

Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

*Let us worship God, whose mercy guides and sustains us on the path of new life!*

\*OPENING HYMN "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" UMH 89

#### PRAYER OF CENTERING

*Holy God, you come to us in ordinary places with extraordinary truth. Quench our thirst, we pray, with living water. May words of long ago lead us to encounter the Word made flesh. Inspire us to live the good news of your loving provision for our lives. Bless us, we pray, with gifts to empower us to serve others and to share the joy of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4:5-42

NT p.94-95

#### SERMON

"Companion for the Journey"

#### ANTHEM

"Praise the Lord with Joyful Song"

arr. Hal Hopson

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*O God, in our murmuring and fault-finding, we have forgotten your mercy. We have chosen to live in desert places rather than asking for a drink of living water. We have hoarded your blessings and forgotten to share with the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to the joy of knowing you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.*

#### LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### OFFERING

#### \*DOXOLOGY

"My Tribute"

UMH 99

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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 DEDICATION**

*Loving God, we thank you for the living water which we have received from Jesus, and which we are privileged to share with others. Bless the resources gathered today to sustain the mission and ministry of Christ through this church. May they be a fitting expression of our thankfulness as we testify to your presence among us and to the promise of reconciliation you offer the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” (vs.1-3)

UMH 465

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**GREETER** | Geno Family **LITURGIST** | Dani Pentecharsky  
**FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR** | Lorna Cuevas & Martha Dubensky

**PRAYER LIST:** Family of Bill Kiger, Family of Carol Spencer, Beth Klopfleisch, Harry Moulton, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, Maryann Schneider, Pat Corcoran, Connie & Fred Lamando, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Barbara Urban, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Rhonda Leister, Greg Hunt, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, David Scheer, Mike St. Jean, Joanne Green, Sue and Gregg Rhodes, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino

**TIME SENSITIVE DEADLINES:** If you would like to order your meal for the Fish (or Chicken)& Chips Dinner, please see Liz Steen today after church.

**Deadline for ordering is Friday, March 13th!**

**EASTER FLOWERS:** Please fill out forms provided today (with envelopes) and drop off by next Sunday, March 15th-- **THANK YOU!**

**IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION**

**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**

**LIFE TALK : SUNDAYS 12:30PM in COMMUNITY ROOM**

**CRAFTY LADIES:** Join us in Craft/Community Room 9:30 AM

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

- **JOIN US IN FELLOWSHIP HALL TODAY AFTER WORSHIP FOR OUR FIRST MEETING TO PLAN OUR CHURCH'S BICENTENNIAL EVENTS**
- **Mondays 6PM, March 2nd—March 30th —Lenten Soup & Study (H)**  
To attend Virtually, Join us via the Meeting Zoom Link at 6:30PM
- **Friday, March 13th 6PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry at Good Shepherd**
- **Sunday, March 15th—11:15 AM GREEN TEAM MEETING**
- **Sunday, March 15th 4-7PM—Tastefully British Fish & Chips Fundraiser**
- **Thursday, March 19th 7:30PM—Faith & Fiction Book Group:**  
*Orbital* by Samantha Harvey
- **Sunday, March 22nd—NOISY OFFERING: *Bring your change to make a change!***
- **Wednesday, March 25th 6:30 PM—One Board/Trustee Meeting (Conf. Rm)**
- **Saturday, March 28th—CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY—*Many hands make light work!***

The Green Team Plastic Drive is going strong- we've currently reached **300 pounds!**  
We're on track to earn a bench this year!

Our next meeting will be **March 15th** after church to plan our spring hikes and earth day activities! All are welcome, come with ideas!



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