

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 18, 2024 | 1st Sunday in Lent 10:00 AM

Theme: Finding Redemption in our Mess

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is God's house, a holy temple.

We are in the midst of God's dwelling place.

Our voices rise in praise of God's awesome deeds.

My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

God's presence is felt to the ends of the earth.

All creation is God's dwelling place, God's home.

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

Merciful God, who understands our motives and knows our every thought, we seek in these moments to be attuned to your Word and will, that we may be your witnesses in the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your people gathered here and give us the strength to serve you faithfully. By our words and actions, may others catch a vision of the joy you offer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Just as I Am, Without One Plea" (vs. 1-3) UMH 357++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 18:9-14 NT p. 79

SERMON "This is a Real Mess"

ANTHEM "Come Follow Me" Jay Althouse

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we present these offerings praying that they will extend our witness into the world. Bless and multiply our efforts through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" UMH 369++

*SENDING FORTH

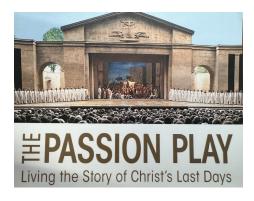
POSTLUDE

^{*} CONGREGATION STANDS AS COMFORTABLE

GREETERS | Liz Steen LITURGIST | Dani Pentecharsky

FLOWERS | Richard and Steven Bloomer-Teague—in memory of "Nanny" Joanne Kiser **FELLOWSHIP** | Join us downstairs after service for a time of Fellowship

PRAYER LIST: Michael Gilmore, Noah Shevlin, Stephanie Hartman, Family of David Heim, Family of Riley Krick, Family of Joe Quattrocchi, Jane Frey, The Whateley Family, Betty Kenyon, Fred Meyers, Renee Dellarocca, 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, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Patrick Hall, 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, Diane Siconolfi



Beginning February 21, join us on Wednesdays in Lent from 6-7:30pm for soup supper and a video study inspired by the Oberammergau Passion Play. Live the story of Christ's last days through the German city's historic presentation that has been kept alive for over 400 years, and find your own place in the story of Jesus.



Thank you to all who supported and contributed to this year's SOUPERBOWL of Caring. We collected 480 cans of soup and \$245, which will provide weeks of supply for the Ecumenical Food Pantry and our Little Food Pantry. Let's continue these efforts to *TACKLE HUNGER* in our neighborhood!

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

- Monday, February 19th PRESIDENT'S DAY Church Office Closed
- Tuesday, February 20th 6PM Finance Meeting (Hybrid)
- Tuesday, February 20th 6:30PM Reconciling Ministries Team (Hybrid)
- Wednesday, February 21st 6:00-7:30PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER /THE PASSION PLAY VIDEO STUDY This series will be on Wednesdays through March 27th - You need not attend all, come when you are able!
- Tuesday, February 27th 6:30PM Church Council Meeting (Hybrid)
- Friday, March 1st 6:00 PM Family Pizza & Game Night (RSVP to Office)
- Thursday, March 7th 9:30AM Crafty Ladies Meet!!! Welcome Back!
- Friday, March 8th 6:15PM Ecumenical Food Pantry

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.

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 www.milfordmethodists@gmail.com or (570) 296-6124.



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