



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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January 7, 2024 | Baptism of the Lord Sunday

10:00 AM Theme: Roots

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to the water -

***to celebrate God's goodness!***

We come to the water -

***to celebrate God's love!***

We come to the water to remember -

***that we are beloved, cherished, and forgiven!***

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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 CENTERING

*Holy God, we thank you today for the gift of baptism and how it unites us as one by the Holy Spirit. We're grateful that before we do anything, you claim us as beloved, surround us in community, and nurture us to be your people. As we celebrate the meaning of baptism today, we ask once again for your cleansing love to wash over us. Help us to remember that we all belong to the body of Christ; we each have a special role in your family; and we are sent out into the world to do good and resist evil through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*OPENING HYMN      "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"      UMH 605

BAPTISM      UMH p.33

*Jamie Barney*

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON      Mark 1:1-12      NT p.34-35

SERMON      "Baptism"

SPECIAL MUSIC      Elijah Keay

#### OFFERING

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

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Gracious God, as we thank you for our baptism, our church, and your love, we give you our gifts today, remembering those who do not have the same freedoms we do, but who are just as much a part of your worldwide family. Bless what we give that we might unite with all who call you Lord and further your will in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, 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, you are forgiven!

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

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15-16

## LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP *(Everyone is invited to come to the rail to receive the bread and cup)*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

## \*CLOSING HYMN

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

UMH 664++

## \*SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST: The Family of Ray Vetter (Houskeeper), The Family of Cathi Schoope, The Lantieri Family, The Whateley Family, Betty Kenyon, Fred Meyers, Renee Dellarocca, David Heim, Nancy Heim, Doug Houskeeper, Pam Houskeeper, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Gloria Schneider, Marge Carofano, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Michael Gilmore, Debbie Conklin, Carl Hendrick, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, 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, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi

GREETER | Linda Ryder LITURGIST | Leslie Lordi  
FLOWERS | Sign up with office FELLOWSHIP | Sign up with office

## 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: No Meetings Until Further Notice—Winter Break

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

- Wednesday, January 10th-Trustees Meeting 6PM (Conference Room)
- Friday, January 12th-Ecumenical Food Pantry 6:15PM
- **Sunday, January 14th-Sunday, February 11th**  
**Collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring**
- Monday, January 22nd 6:30PM-Reconciling Ministries Meeting (Hybrid)
- Tuesday, January 23rd 6PM—Finance Meeting (Online)
- Tuesday, January 30th 6:30PM-Church Council Meeting (Hybrid)

WE WELCOME ALL!

Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!

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The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website: [www.milfordmethodists.org](https://www.milfordmethodists.org). It is located under the Worship Heading on the site.

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