



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 2, 2023 | Palm Sunday | 10:00 AM

HOLY COMMUNION

Theme: Final Words from the Cross

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Amsterdam (Free Harmonization)" David H. Hegarty

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

We shout our blessings! We sing our praises!

This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice, and be glad in it.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Awaken us, Loving God, to the possibilities this day may hold for us. Call us forth from our weary routines and meager faith. Stretch us beyond our limited understanding and cramped enthusiasm. Free us to sing "Hallelujah" and wave branches and spread your love among those who have not experienced its power. Come among us, Gracious God, that we may fully experience your presence through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Matthew 21:1-11

ANTHEM "Hosanna in the Highest!" N. Price & D. Besig

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH 278

CONNECT MOMENT Richard Bloomer

SCRIPTURE LESSONS John 19:30, Luke 23:44-49 NT pp. 114, 80

SERMON "It is Finished...Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit"

SPECIAL MUSIC

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

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, may your light shine through these offerings. Multiply our generosity, expand the effectiveness of our giving, and bless all who are reached by our caring, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15-16

LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING 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

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

UMH 292

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

GREETERS | Linda Ryder **LITURGIST** | Gregg Rhodes
FELLOWSHIP | Richard & Steven Bloomer-Teague

*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.
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: Kathleen Jewel, Jodi Hancock, The Family of Lynne Kanen, The Family of Charles Zuroff, Michael Gilmore, Kevin Walter, Debbie Conklin, Those affected by the earthquake in Syria & Turkey, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Jeffrey Buyse, Jay Norejko, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Valerie Dimatteo, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Gina Benroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Gina Alfano Walsh, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Every Sunday at 9:30 AM

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Every Sunday at 11:30 AM following worship service

CRAFTY LADIES: Every Thursday at 9:30 AM

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

(ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom)

CONFIRMATION: TODAY, April 2 & Sunday, April 30 from 2:00-3:30 PM (Community Rm)

GARDEN GROUP: Monday, April 10 at 6:00 PM (Conference Rm & on line)

TRUSTEES: Wednesday, April 12 at 6:30 PM (Conference Rm & on line)

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY: Friday, April 6:15 PM (321 Fifth St)

FINANCE: Tuesday, April 18 at 6:00 PM (on line)

RECONCILING MINISTRIES: Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM (Conference Rm & on line)

CHURCH COUNCIL: Tuesday, April 25 at 6:30 PM (on line)

VISION TEAM: Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM (Conference Rm & on line)

EASTER BUNNY BRUNCH & EGG HUNT Join us **TODAY** after the service for an Easter egg hunt and brunch with the Easter Bunny. Everyone is welcome.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS: Mark your calendar for the Spring Church Clean-Up Days on Sunday, April 22 at 10:00 AM and Sunday, April 23 at 12 noon.

TODAY'S COMMUNION OFFERING will be received in support of **Native American Ministries Sunday**. In 2022, you helped raise over \$426,000 to develop and strengthen Native American Ministries. Your donation also provided support for Native American clergy and scholarships for Native American students. As always, GIVE as you are able, LEARN (check out 'Native American Ministries Sunday/Did You Know? Online) and PRAY for our Native American siblings. As United Methodists, the WORLD is our parish!

Pastor Jenn will be on vacation April 13-April 22.

For Pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Will Nichols at 917-293-8040.

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