



So That They May Be One

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 17, 2026 | 7th Sunday of Easter 10:00 AM

Theme: Stories That Matter

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, Christ has completed the work of salvation, reconciling us to God so that we may know eternal life.

Through Christ, we are made one with God.

In life, death, and Resurrection, Christ guides us into eternal life with God here and now.

Through Christ, we are made one in God.

Through prayer and teaching, healing and serving, Christ draws us together as the people of God, diverse members of the one body.

Through Christ, we are made one with God and one another.

So, come, let us worship God who saves us into eternal life with God and one another!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

* 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

*OPENING HYMN "How Great Thou Art" (verses 1,2&4) UMH 77++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of all creation, we come from away seeking a sense of belonging. May your Spirit unite us where we face lack of understanding and conflict in our communities and in our world. Out of the clamor and chaos, we bring our fear and uncertainty and lay our burdens at your feet. May we find others who share our desire for purpose and meaning, and in Christ be reconciled to all creation. Help us to overcome all our divisions that we may live in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING John 17:1-11 NT. 111

SERMON "Becoming One"

CHOIR ANTHEM "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "To God Be the Glory" (verse 1) UMH 98++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Unifying God of Grace, you have entrusted us with the joy of community and the calling of witness. As Jesus prayed that we might be one, we bring these gifts as a sign of our shared commitment to your mission in the world. Let our giving reflect our love as these offerings are used to strengthen the church, bless our neighbors, and to glorify your name. In Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Here I am Lord" UMH 593++

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

GREETER | Penny & Michael Seltzer **LITURGIST** | Liz Steen
FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR | Carolyn Susanowicz & Martha Dubensky

PRAYER LIST: Family of Frank Farina, Jerry Graham, Pat Moulton, Joe Allred, Teresa Graham, Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Cassie, Gwen Gilmore, Pam Sackett, Bradley Seltzer, Beth Klopfleisch, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, Connie & Fred Lamando, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Barbara Urban, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Joanne Green, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Geoff Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, David Kent, James Bennet, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi



You can watch the **2026 Greater New Jersey Annual Conference (GNJUMC)** livestream through the conference's official digital channels. The event is scheduled to take place from **May 17-19, 2026**, at the Wildwood Convention Center. <https://www.gnjumc.org/ac2026/>



PENTECOST TAIZE PRAYER SERVICE & POTLUCK
SATURDAY, May 23rd 5PM
Join us for a "Red" Themed Pot Luck after Church in Fellowship Hall



We always are in need of non-perishable staples, such as, soup, pasta and tomato products, peanut butter, jelly, Mac & Cheese, canned fish & chicken, beans...you get the idea! Donations can be dropped off on Sunday mornings in the entry or during the week to the office M-TH 9-12

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

CRAFTY LADIES: THURSDAYS 9:30 AM Craft/Community Room

MEETING & EVENT SCHEDULE and (H) *MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

BIBLE STUDY (Bible Basics) will be offered on Monday nights at 6:30pm for 5 weeks in June (6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22, 6/29) (H)

- Sunday, May 17-19—GNJ Annual Conference in Wildwood, NJ—Church office Closed 5/18 & 19
- **Saturday, May 23rd 5PM—Taize Prayer Service & Potluck Dinner**
- Tuesday, May 26th 12PM-1PM— MS Support Group (Conference Room) (H)
- Tuesday, May 26th 4:30 PM—Camp Speers Gardening Day (contact Jodi H. at clarity172@yahoo.com to RSVP or find out more information)
- Wednesday, May 27th 6:30PM —One Board Meeting (Conference Room)
- Friday, May 29th 6:00-8:00PM—Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church
- Sunday, May 31st 11:00AM—Green Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- Friday, June 5th 6:00-8:00PM—Pizza & Game Night—RSVP to office by 6/4
- Friday, June 12th 9:30-11:30AM— Strawberry Prep Party—Volunteers Needed! *Just show up to Fellowship Hall!*
- Friday, June 12th, 6:00-8:00PM—Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church
- **Saturday, June 13th 11AM-4PM Strawberry Festival**
- Thursday, June 18th 7:30PM Faith & Fiction Book Club (Conference Room)

FAITH & FICTION BOOK CLUB

Join us for our summer read! We'll be tackling John Crowley's fantasy epic *Little, Big* over three Thursday meetings: 6/18 (parts 1 & 2 All discussions are held in person at 7:30 PM in Conference Room. Beverages and light snacks are provided. Text Linnea (570 977 5006) or Jodi (845 699 1682) with questions or for help getting a copy of the book.



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