

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 15, 2026| 10:00 AM
25th Sunday after Pentecost
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "The Abundant Life" Garrett Parker

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Family of God, whom do we serve?
We serve God, who calls us to love our neighbors, tend creation, and care for the least of these.
Family of God, in a world that values productivity and profit, whom do we serve?
We serve God, who calls us to value equity, justice, and sabbath for all.
Family of God, in a world that privileges power over others instead of power shared with our neighbors, whom do we serve?
We serve God, who calls us to privilege the agency and flourishing of ourselves, our neighbors, and all creation.
Family of God, we gather here to grow in love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation. Let us now enter the joy of serving God, who is Love.
We gather to worship God and to work for God's purposes until God's kingdom comes on earth as it is in heaven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

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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

***OPENING HYMN** "Together We Serve" TFWS 2175

PRAYER OF CENTERING
Loving God, you no longer call us servants, but friends. There is so much you have entrusted to us, even the future of your kingdom of justice and love. Give us the grace to encourage the growth of mercy and goodness in this world and to be united with all who seek you with a sincere heart. May we journey together in your way, bringing reconciliation and joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:14-30 NT. p. 28-29

SERMON "The Talents"

ANTHEM "Sing a New Song to the Lord" Natalie Sleeth

OFFERING
***DOXOLOGY** "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036++

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Generous God, every good gift comes from your loving hand, and you entrust us with resources, abilities, and opportunities to serve your kingdom. Keep us from measuring our worth by what we produce or possess. Instead, teach us to invest our lives in love, mercy, and the building of community. Receive these offerings and use them to lift burdens, create hope, and strengthen your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895
***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***CLOSING HYMN** "What Gift Can We Bring" UMH 87

***BENEDICTION**
For all that has been…***Thanks!***
For all that will be…***Yes!***
***SENDING FORTH**
***POSTLUDE**

GREETER |Joan Arlequeeuw **LITURGIST |** Janette Hendrick
COFFEE HOUR| Church Mouse

PRAYER LIST: Family of Joe Allred, Family of Paula Hendricks, Angelo, Will Luis & Jessica Abbott and family, Jeff and Diane Fornoff, Barbara Urban and her sister Pat, Jean Hoff, Linda Ryder, Rhonda Leister, Marilyn Schultz, Jan Lucciola, Whit Trumbull, Bob Korn, Bob, Paula & Laura Hendricks, Sue Reimlinger, Adam Slate, Joel, Trudy Gelfand, Linda Kent, Betsy Gramer, Steve Swanson, Jerry Graham, Teresa Graham, Caite Panzer, Dr. Antonella, Cassie, Gwen Gilmore, Pam Sackett, Bradley Seltzer, Beth Klopfleisch, Jackie & Dani Pentecharsky, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Joanne Green, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Geoff Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, James Bennet, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi

Sunday School Teacher for an Open Age Sunday School class-*We are hiring for a Sunday School teacher and want people in the Congregation to have a first chance at applying.*

Requirements:
A person with a Christian background who has experience teaching/working with/managing children ages 4 - 12
At least one reference must be affiliated with Milford United Methodist Church for a minimum of 6 months.
Time period: Early September to the second week of June
Pay: $30-$35 / Sunday
Contact Jackie Pentacharsky (Jackiecm17@hotmail.com)
or (Rebecca Masters rebamast@gmail.com) with questions

Applications Available in Church Office M-Th 9AM-12PM and Sundays in the Narthex with Greeter

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE *(NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)*
SUNDAY SCHOOL (*CHILDREN WILL BE ESCORTED TO CLASS AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)*
CRAFTY LADIES: Thursdays 9:30 AM

MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 8:30AM
BELL CHOIR PRACTICE SUNDAYS 11:30AM
ESL Classes: Mon 9:00-11:00AM & Tues 8:00-10:00AM in Conference Room
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- **Today, November 15th at 4 PM—Church Planning Meeting: All are welcome. This meeting is to plan out missions and ministries for 2027. We will meet in Conference Room**
- **Wednesday, November 18th 6:30PM - One Board Meeting (Conference Rm)**
- **Thursday, November 19th 4:30PM Set up for Thanksgiving Distribution (EFP)**
- **Friday, November 20th-5PM—Thanksgiving distribution at Food Pantry (see Jodi Hancock or Rebecca Masters for more info.)**
- **Saturday, November 21st 10AM - Pantry Clean-up (EFP)**
- **Sunday, November 22nd @ 4PM—Community Thanksgiving Service at Milford Borough Hall**
- **Monday, November 23rd 6:00(Soup) 6:30 (Study) ADVENT SOUP & BIBLE STUDY**
- **Saturday, November 28th 5PM Dinner Church (Fellowship Hall)**
- **Friday, December 4th 6PM - Pizza & Game Night**
- **Saturday, December 5th - 3PM How The Grinch Stole Christmas-doors open 2:30PM**
- **Sunday, December 6th - 4-6PM Sing-A-Long with Santa (Fellowship Hall)**
- **Thursday, December 10th - Faith & Fiction Book Group**
- **Saturday, Dec. 12th - DVCS Free Concert 4PM - "Keeping Christmas New"**

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