



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 9, 2025 | 1st Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM

Theme: Steadfast Love: A Lenten Playlist

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On this first Sunday in Lent, we join Jesus in the wilderness, a place of wild and dangerous things, of testing and temptation away from the security of home.

God, rescue us in the wilderness!

Once again, we watch and listen as Satan throws out temptation upon temptation, and we find our security in Jesus, who does not waver from the truth.

God, rescue us within the wilderness!

Once again, we face our own frailty and realize that the wilderness is not nearly as dangerous as our choices to prioritize selfish gain and hoarding of power.

God, rescue us through the wilderness!

Once again, we call upon God in the wildernesses of our lives, and we trust God's faithful reply:

Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

UMH 110++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of history, whose Word is alive in us, write your truth into our lives this day. Work your signs and wonders in our midst. Show us your salvation. Be present in our troubles and in our triumphs. Lead us away from bondage to things that do not matter. Show us the better land you intend for us, where barriers no longer divide and true community is born, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

NT p.61

*PSALTER READING

Psalms 91

UMH p. 810-11

SERMON

"Rescue Me"

ANTHEM

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. Edwin Earle Ferguson

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" American Folk Melody

***DOXOLOGY** "My Tribute" UMH 99

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Faithful God, who journeys with us through the wilderness of our lives, as we offer these gifts, we remember your sustaining presence. In this period of spiritual renewal, strengthen us to resist temptation and guide us to live in community with love and grace. May these offerings be signs of hope and acts of compassion that reflect the love you have shown us in Jesus. Empower us to rise together, supporting one another on this journey of faith and transformation. In the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Saranam, Saranam" UMH 523++

***BENEDICTION**

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

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

***SENDING FORTH**

***POSTLUDE** "Thy Holy Wings, O Savior" Swedish Folk Tune

GREETER | Looking for Greeters –contact office if interested **LITURGIST** | Nancy McCallum
FLOWERS | Sign up with office **FELLOWSHIP** | Carolyn Krejmas

PRAYER LIST The people of Ukraine, Rebecca Suarez, Pete Rushton, Jane Frey, Arlene Moglia, Pope Francis, Jane Ridley, Maureen Tresenreiter, Morgan Frey, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, immigrants, refugees and marginalized communities, Connie Reed, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Jay Norejko, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Camilla, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, Michael Gilmore, The Whateley Family, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee

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 Return! - Thursday, March 13th 9:30 AM

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

- Tuesday, March 11th 6:00 PM— Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
- Thursday, March 13th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—
"The Difficult Words of Jesus"
- Friday, March 14th 6:15PM—Food Pantry @ Good Shepherd Church
- Tuesday, March 18th 6:30 PM—Finance Meeting (H)
- Thursday, March 20th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—
"The Difficult Words of Jesus"



Our March Communion Offering dedicated to UMCOR raised \$335.00

Your generosity allows UMCOR to use 100% of additional designated funds for specific programs like [U.S. disaster response](#), [international disaster response](#) and [global migration](#). Your support deepens the connection between the local church and ministries on a global scale.

WE WELCOME ALL!

Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews and place in collection plate. Thank you.



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