



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 23, 2025 | 3rd 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

Children of God, what has God done for us?

God saves, provides, and holds us in God's steadfast love.

Consider and remember: in the joyful times and in the sorrowful times, what has God done for us?

God covers us and lifts us up, protecting and empowering us with steadfast love.

When we feel that everyone has given up on us, what has God done?

God tends the soil and waters the ground, nurturing us into life with steadfast love.

Children of God, come, let us worship God who never gives up on us!

We come to worship and cling to God, for God's steadfast love never fails!

*OPENING HYMN

"My Hope is Built" (vs. 1-3)

UMH 368++

PRAYER OF CENTERING

We come before you, gracious God, seeking what money cannot buy. Only you can provide nourishment for our souls. There is no other source of meaning in our mixed-up world. We call on you as we hunger and thirst for belonging, for we believe that you are nearer than our next breath, more available to us than we can think, and more caring than we can ever dare to imagine. Uphold us now so we may worship on wings of joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

NT p.76

*PSALTER READING

Psalms 63

UMH p. 788

SERMON

"My Soul Clings"

ANTHEM

"Yet Will I Sing"

Alisa Bair

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING
OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY

“My Tribute”

UMH 99

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful God, our guide and sustainer, as we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit for your kingdom. In this solemn season of Lent, we remember your call to repentance and renewal. Help us tend the soil of our hearts so we may grow in faith and bear witness to your grace. Use these offerings to bring hope to those in need and light to those in darkness. May we live as your fruitful servants, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ who calls us to new life. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“As The Deer”

TFWS 2025++

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

GREETER | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Jackie Pentecharsky

FELLOWSHIP | In Celebration of AJ's birthday by the Pentecharsky Family

PRAYER LIST Ellen Orben, Robert Kelly, 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:** Will start up in April—Thursday, April 3rd 9:30AM

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

- Wednesday, March 26th 6:30 PM—Church Council Meeting (H)
- Thursday, March 27th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—“The Difficult Words of Jesus
- Thursday, April 3rd—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—“The Difficult Words of Jesus
- Friday, April 4th 6:00 PM—Pizza and Game Night (Fellowship Hall— RSVP)
- Saturday, April 5th 3:00 PM—**Health Workshop (Fellowship Hall)**
- Tuesday, April 8th 6:00 PM—Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
- Thursday, April 10th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—“The Difficult Words of Jesus
- Friday, April 11th 6:00PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry
- Tuesday, April 15th—**Fish & Chips Fundraiser Dinner 5:30/6:30/Takeout**
- Friday, April 18th—**Good Friday, Community Walk of the Cross 10AM**

Meet up at Good Shepherd Church—W. Catharine & 5th St.

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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