



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 12, 2023 | 3rd Sunday in Lent | 10:00 AM

Theme: Final Words from the Cross

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*In the midst of turmoil, confusion and change, God is with us to support and uphold.*

We rejoice in God, who answers prayer and is with us in our suffering and grief.

*We have been reconciled to God through Christ. We rejoice this day in the love of God.*

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

*From the trembling foundations of the earth, we come to worship. From the changing scenes of nations and peoples, we assemble to ponder your word and remember your works. From the fears that overwhelm us, we flee to your presence, asking you to speak once more, Mighty God. Come within us to bring strength, overcoming our weakness. Come among us to build community, turning our differences into creative energy. Receive us now as your seeking children, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### \*OPENING HYMN

“Saranam, Saranam”

UMH 523++

#### CONNECT MOMENT

Rebecca Masters

#### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 19:25b-27

NT p. 114

#### SERMON

“Behold Your Mother...Behold Your Son”

#### ANTHEM

“Santus”

by D. Wagner

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

UMH 895

#### \*PASSING THE PEACE

#### \*OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Beside Me”

TFWS 2166++

#### \*SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

**GREETERS** | Penny Werner **LITURGIST** | Rebecca Masters  
**FELLOWSHIP** | Marsha Smith & Jack Donson

\*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:** Jodi Hancock, The Family of Lynne Kanen, The Family of Charles Zuroff, Michael Gilmore, Kevin Walter, Jane Ostrowsky, Debbie Conklin, Those affected by the earthquake in Syria & Turkey, The Family of Nicole Dunn Hernandez, Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, Joyce Van Nest and Family, 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 Bebenroth and family, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Gina Alfano Walsh, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi.



### WE WELCOME ALL!

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The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website: [www.milfordmethodists.org](http://www.milfordmethodists.org). It is located under the Worship Heading on the site.  
If you would like to be on our email list, please contact the office at [www.milfordmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:www.milfordmethodist@gmail.com) or (570) 296-6124.

## 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

**GARDEN GROUP:** Monday, March 13 at 6:00 PM (in person & on line)  
**VISION TEAM:** Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 PM (in person & online)  
**CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 PM (Community Rm)  
**FINANCE:** Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 PM (on line)  
**GAME NIGHT:** Friday, March 24 from 6:00-8:00 PM (Community Rm)  
**CHURCH COUNCIL:** Tuesday, March 28 at 6:30 PM (on line)  
(ZOOM LINK: [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](https://bit.ly/MUMCZoom))

**GAME NIGHT RESCHEDULED:** This months Game Night has been rescheduled to **Friday, March 24 from 6:00-8:00 PM**. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening of Pizza and Games. Everyone is welcome. RSVP to the church office.

**FOR THE KIDS:** Each Sunday in Lent, prior to worship service, Children & Youth are invited to hunt for an Easter egg. They will be hidden in the narthex, sanctuary, and Fellowship Hall.

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT: Soup Suppers** at 6:00 PM in the Community Room followed by a Praise Service at 7PM.

**FELLOWSHIP SOUP:** Join us **AFTER WORSHIP TODAY** for Fellowship hour as Marsha and Jack make soup for the congregation. The soup is a celebration for the friendly competition and successful can drive for Souper Bowl Day of Caring. All are invited.

**MILFORD UMC LENTEN SOUP RECIPE BOOKLET:** Copies will be available during Fellowship Soup hour after todays service.



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