



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 11, 2026 | 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 AM Theme: Glory Revealed

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come! Let us follow Jesus to the edge of the Jordan River to be baptized.

We come to be cleansed and made whole.

Come! Let us witness John's confusion and Jesus' insistence that John baptize God Incarnate.

We come to join Jesus in choosing life in the kingdom of God.

Come! Let us hear God declare the truth of Jesus' identity and the truth of our identity as baptized people.

We come to remember and embody who we are as beloved children of God.

Come! Let us worship God who leads us into the baptismal waters and salvation life.

We come to worship God who empowers us through divine presence to live together as the family of God.

* 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** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" UMH 605

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

NT p.3

SERMON

"Power of Presence"

ANTHEM

"How Can I Keep From Singing" arr. Ginger Littleton

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace and acts of justice. Just as Jesus stepped into the river to stand with us and for us, we bring these gifts today to stand with others—to serve, to uplift, and to proclaim your kingdom. Use these offerings to fulfill your righteousness among us. Help us, your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "Baptized in Water" TFWS 2248

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

GREETER | The Geno Family **LITURGIST** | Jack Donson
FELLOWSHIP | *Join us after the service in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour*

PRAYER LIST: Matthew Frey, Laurie Osczepinski, Barbara Urban, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Rhonda Leister, Pastora Veronica, Greg Hunt, Patrick Singer, Marshall Cooper, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Marie Fornoff, Scott Seltzer, Barbara Cooper, Beth Klopfleisch, David Scheer, Mike St. Jean, Joanne Green, Sue Rhodes, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi

Thank you for your generosity this year!

We accomplished many acts of service and kindness in our community and around the world through your gifts of time, talents, and treasures.

**THANK
YOU!**



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: WILL RESUME IN SPRING

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

- **Thursday, January 15th 7:30 PM—Faith & Fiction Book Group**
- **Saturday, January 24th 2:15PM— One Board Planning Retreat (Will meet in Fellowship Hall)**
- **Friday, February 6th 6:00 PM—Pizza & Game Night (RSVP by 2/5)**
- **Saturday, February 7th—"Love Songs" Cabaret Night Details T/B/A**
- **Sunday, February 8th—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY**
- **Friday, February 13th 6PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry at Good Shepherd**
- **Wednesday, February 18th—ASH WEDNESDAY**
- **Thursday, February 19th 7:30 PM—Faith & Fiction Book Group**
- **Mondays 6PM, February 23rd—March 30th —Lenten Soup & Study**
- **Sunday, March 15th 4-7PM—Tastefully British Fish & Chips Fundraiser**



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