



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 25, 2024 | 2nd Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

Theme: Finding Redemption in our Mess

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All the ways of God are holy.

Nothing in heaven or earth is so great as God.

With a strong arm, God redeems the people.

Day by day, God leads us with a shepherd's care.

Even when the earth trembles, God is with us.

When lightning flashes, we are confident of God's care.

* 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

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Almighty God, your will for us as faithful followers of Jesus, is that we live by the Spirit. Grant to us love, joy, and peace. Teach us patience, kindness, and generosity. Shape us to be gentle and self-controlled. Turn us from passions and desires of the flesh that separate us from you and violate the love of neighbor. Fit us for service and mission, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

UMH 77++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 5:16-24

NT p. 190-1

SERMON

"Who Left This Mess?"

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

Arr. Susan Berry
& Janet Van Valey

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, we present these offerings as a symbol of our life in the Spirit and of our total commitment to your service. We are grateful that we have so much to give and so much yet to learn. We dedicate our offerings so that we and our neighbors may be equipped for life in your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

UMH 128++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

GREETERS | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Jan Lucciola

FLOWERS | Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall **FELLOWSHIP** | Linda Grady

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 Begin Thursday, March 7th 9:30 AM

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

- **Tuesday, February 27th 6:30PM Church Council Meeting (Hybrid)**
- **Wednesday, February 28th 6:00-7:30PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER /THE PASSION PLAY VIDEO STUDY** This series will be on Wednesdays through March 27th - You need not attend all, come when you are able!
- **Friday, March 1st 6:00 PM Family Pizza & Game Night (RSVP to Office)**
- **Thursday, March 7th 9:30AM Crafty Ladies Meet!!! Welcome Back!**
- **Friday, March 8th 6:15PM Ecumenical Food Pantry**
- **Monday, March 11th 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Hybrid)**
- **Tuesday, March 19th 6:00 PM Finance Meeting (Hybrid)**
- **Tuesday, March 26th Church Council Meeting (Hybrid)**

WE WELCOME ALL!

Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!

Our live church worship services are made available to persons viewing through the link:

www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC.

The weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter can be viewed through our website: 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.milfordmethodists@gmail.com or (570) 296-6124.

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PRAYER LIST: Richard Holt, Betty Kenyon, Michael Gilmore, Noah Shevlin, Stephanie Hartman, Jane Frey, The Whateley Family, Fred Meyers, Renee Dellarocca, Douglas and Pam Houskeeper, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Gloria Schneider, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi

UMCOR IN THE SPOTLIGHT: On March 3rd, we will join thousands of other United Methodist Churches in observing UMCOR Sunday. This special offering is designed to underwrite UMCOR's administrative costs. Our collective generosity allows UMCOR to direct 100% of all funds given to specific and much needed humanitarian responses and recovery efforts. In 2023, churches throughout the connection gave almost \$1.7 million on this special Sunday! As always, you are urged to GIVE as you are able, LEARN (UMC.org/UMCOR) and PRAY for victims of disaster everywhere.

