



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 16, 2025 | 2nd 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, when we are surrounded on every side by shadows that frighten and voices that deride and confuse, what do we say?

God is our light and our salvation! Whom shall we fear?

When threats bombard us from every corner, stealing the security and peace for which we long, what do we say?

God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

When anxiety and loneliness overwhelm and we don't know who or what to trust any more, what do we say?

Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

God knows our suffering. God makes a home among us, welcoming us to come home to God and to one another.

Come! Let us worship God who hides us in the day of trouble and conceals us together under the cover of the tent of Love.

*OPENING HYMN "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" (vs. 1,2,&4)

UMH 348

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Sheltering God, in this sacred space our hearts take courage. Your goodness is all around us. The trials and cares of life are stilled before you. Show us your face, O God. Let your love be known to us. We need this time to remember who we are, to feel close to one another, and to recognize ourselves as children of the One God. Extend your sheltering grace and empower our discipleship, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 13:31-35

NT p.77

*PSALTER READING

Psalm 27

UMH p. 758-759

SERMON

"Conceal Me"

ANTHEM

"The Lord is My Light"

Frances Allitsen

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit”

Carol Doran

*DOXOLOGY

“My Tribute”

UMH 99

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, our shelter and hope, as we walk through this holy season, we come to you with hearts open to your grace. In our giving, may we reflect the love that sustains us, and may we lift one another up in times of need and vulnerability. Use these offerings to bring comfort to the weary and hope to the brokenhearted. Strengthen us to be a source of light and love in this world, reflecting your compassion in all we do. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Beside Me”

TFWS 2166++

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE

“When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee”

Peter D. Smith

GREETER | Pam Houskeeper **LITURGIST** | Rebecca Masters

FLOWERS | Sign up with office **FELLOWSHIP** | Richard & Steven Bloomer-Teague

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:** Thursdays 9:30 AM in Community Room

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

- Tuesday, March 18th 6:30 PM—Finance Meeting (H)
- Thursday, March 20th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—
“The Difficult Words of Jesus”
- 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)
- Tuesday, April 8th 6:00 PM—Trustees Meeting (Conference Room)
- Friday, April 11th 6:00PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry
- Thursday, April 10th—6:00-7:30 Soup & Study—
“The Difficult Words of Jesus”

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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