

# MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# July 2, 2023 | Fifth Sunday after Penecost | Holy Communion

Rev. Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mighty God, come to us through your Holy Spirit, filling us with peace. Give us a love for all and a desire to serve, humility of mind, and gentleness of soul.

# Nurture your grace in our hearts.

Mighty God, come to us through your Holy Spirit, setting us on fire with love for you. Fill us with a burning desire to work for your reign, and cleanse us from all that is unworthy in our lives.

### Kindle a flame of faith in our hearts.

Mighty God, come to us through your Holy Spirit, breathing new life into our souls. Fill us with energy and enthusiasm in the service of Christ, and sweep away anything in our lives that keeps us from living as your people.

Open our lives and touch our hearts as we worship this morning!

\*OPENING HYMN

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

**UMH 185** 

### **CORPORATE PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

May the very Spirit of God be upon us as we unite our hearts and voices in prayer –

O God of power and love, in the beginning your Spirit moved across the face of the waters, and when we were formed from the dust of the earth, you breathed into us the breath of life. Even when we resisted and grieved you, your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, empowering them to speak your word to us. And in the fullness of time, you gave us your Son Jesus Christ, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit came upon him and announced him as your beloved. With your Spirit upon him he taught and healed and preached of your Kingdom. When he died that we might live, you did not leave us comfortless but sent down upon us your Spirit that we might be your people, the Church. We pray, Lord, remember your Church, guard it from all evil, and preserve it by your love. Gather us together from the four winds into your Kingdom, and send us as your witness into all the world. Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*PSALTER	Psalm 13:1-6	UMH 746
SCRIPTURE LESSON	John 3:14-21	NT p. 94
SERMON	"Hey, Lighten Up"	Rev. Will Nichols
HYMN OF RESPONSE	"I Want to Walk as a Child of t	he Light" UMH 206
PASTORAL PRAYER		

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*OFFERING & DOXOLOGY

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION UMH 9-11

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP** 

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN "We've A Story to Tell the Nations" UMH 569 ++

\*SENDING FORTH

**POSTLUDE** 

GREETER | Linda Ryder LITURGIST | Jack Donson FELLOWSHIP | Lorna Cuervas FLOWERS | \*

\*Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall for Flowers and Fellowship.

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament NT: New Testament
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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE DURING WORSHIP SERVICE (NURSERY LOCATED AT END OF HALL IN EDUCATION WING)

CRAFTY LADIES - Every Thursday at 9:30 AM

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

**RECONCILING MINISTRIES:** Wednesday, July 5th at 6:30PM (Community/Hybrid)

TRUSTEES: Wednesday, July 12th 6PM (Conference Room)

VISION TEAM: Tuesday, July 18th 6:30PM (Conference Room/Hybrid)

# **Opportunities to Connect & Serve**

Fri. July 7- 6:15-7:45PM Our Turn to Serve at the Ecumenical Food Pantry

Fri. July 14-6-8PM Game Night -Pizza Served (GF Available) Sign Up with Office

Sat. July 22 Church Wide Flea Market SPREAD THE WORD

**JULY COMMUNION OFFERING** - July's Communion Offering will be dedicated to support our Little Free Pantry. The LFP is being used and we want to ensure it is well-stocked during these challenging economic times. Please **GIVE** as you are able, **LEARN** about food insecurity in Pike County (check out the Ecumenical Food Pantry Facebook page) and as always, **PRAY** for our neighbors who may be struggling.