



## MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 19, 2023 | 4th Sunday in Lent | 10:00 AM

Theme: Final Words from the Cross

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

**PRELUDE** "A Lenten Prayer" Juliet Calkins

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake from sleep; God is asking for our best. Remain alert; much will be required of us.

***We want to be faithful in our work and witness. We seek to honor Christ in worship and service.***

God offers us the tongue of a teacher. God sustains us with the strength of Christ.

***We will listen for God's word. We will speak on behalf of justice and truth.***

#### \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

***Gracious God, we come before you with good intentions, but our lives are full of challenges. In our suffering, we cry out to you. In humility, we empty ourselves of the problems that so often overwhelm, that we might see the face of Christ. Draw us near the cross to experience the confident witness of our Savior, find the strength to live as forgiving people, and catch a vision that looks beyond our own situation to the greater needs of our sisters and brothers, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" UMH 297  
**CONNECT MOMENT** Jan Lucciola

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 15:25-34 NT p. 54

**SERMON** "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?"

**ANTHEM** "Come to Me" M. Larkin

**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

***God of extravagant generosity, we bring costly sacrifices to honor you. Our gifts are a measure of our devotion. May they communicate good news to the world, sustain the weary, and witness to unbelievers through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" UMH 295

#### \*SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

**GREETERS** | Jane Frey **LITURGIST** | Liz Steen  
**FELLOWSHIP** | Linda Grady

\*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, Debbie Conklin, Those affected by the earthquake in Syria & Turkey, The Family of Nicole Dunn Hernadez, 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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[www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC](http://www.facebook.com/MilfordUMC).

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

**CONFIRMATION CLASS: TODAY-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 **this 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.

(\*Gluten free pizza will be available)

**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.

This month for our **SPECIAL OFFERING TO SUPPORT UMCOR** our congregation donated **\$410**. Thank you for your generosity and support of this mission.

We will be accepting **Easter flower orders through Sunday, March 26**. Please see the order form insert in side today's bulletin for more information.

If any one has any old light bulbs that no longer work and/or wood embroidery hoops please consider Crafty Ladies. They are collecting them for projects.



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