



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 30, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Easter | 10:00 AM

Theme: Rising Strong

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, help us to forgive ourselves,

Help us to not shut people out or judge them.

We have failed, but we all deserve a second chance.

Teach us how grace, in forgiving, changes our hearts.

All: Peace be with you.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of second chances, we gather before you today thankful and grateful that we serve you, our Redeemer. Forgive us when we walk in ways that are contrary to your truth. Remind us that in confessing our sins, we can rise from our mistakes and move forward in your forgiveness, in order to share your love with others. Open us to the generosity and grace of second chances, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” UMH 348

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & NOISY OFFERING

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 21:12-19

SERMON “(Peter) Rising from Denial”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 883

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Guardian of our souls, we give thanks for your watchful care and forgiving grace. We praise you with our offerings and dedicate these gifts to your service. In the name of Jesus Christ we rededicate our time, talents, and treasure to the ministry of healing your broken, troubled world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN “The Summons” TFWS 2130++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

CONFIRMATION CLASS: TODAY April 30 2-3:30PM Community Room

GAME NIGHT: Friday, May 5 6-8PM Community Room RSVP to Church Office

MUMC GARDEN CLUB: Monday, May 8 6PM (Hybrid)

RECONCILING MINISTRIES: Wednesday, May 17 6:30PM (Hybrid)



YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO HELP THIS PAST EARTH DAY WEEKEND!

MUMC GARDEN CLUB: Saturday, May 6 Camp Speers Work Day Meet in church parking lot at 9AM to carpool, or meet up with us at the camp at 9:30AM

ECUMENICAL FOOD PANTRY: Friday, May 12th 6:15-7:30 Our turn to serve! Contact office if you are interested in joining the team.

SKYLANDS DISTRICT PRAYER VIGIL: Prayers for a Hurting World Saturday, May 13 11AM-1PM Parsippany UMC Contact the office if you are interested in carpooling.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Monday, May 1st and Monday, May 15th 6:30– 8:00PM If you're interested in becoming a member of Milford United Methodist Church, or simply curious and eager to learn more, we invite you to participate in our Spring New Member Classes.

The **May Communion Offering** will be received in support of **Peace with Justice Sunday**. In 2021, at the height of the pandemic, United Methodists gave \$328,463 toward ministries funded by this Special Sunday! We are a generous people! In 2023, more than ever, we are called to be part of extending healing and hope in a world that desperately needs both. The United Methodist church prioritizes collaboration among nations, works to reduce the use and need for weapons and fosters equitable and durable solutions to the root causes of conflict. Half of our gifts will be directed to local ministries within the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and half will support the work of The Board of Church and Society globally.

GREETERS | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Lorna Cuevas
FELLOWSHIP | Lorna Cuevas
GUEST MUSICIAN | Elijah Keay

*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: Chet Rideout, Karen Boehning, The Conklin Family, Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, Pam Townsend, Kathleen Jewel, The Family of Charles Zuroff, Michael Gilmore, Kevin Walter, Debbie Conklin, , Carl Hendrick, Joan Lucciola, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Lorraine Gregory, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Ernie Kotschessa, Steve Urban, Raymond Vetter, Brian Sheppard, Eileen Rail, Thomas Rail, Rose Belcastro, Jeanette Hendrick, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Alan & Karen Zuis, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Robert Keuhne, Sr., Alyre Hayworth, Thomas Harris, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane

WE WELCOME ALL!

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.

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