



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 8, 2026 | 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

10:00 AM Theme: **Glory Revealed**

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God, why are you here?

We gather to worship with our hearts and our lives.

People of God, who do you worship?

We worship God, who loves us and teaches us to love.

People of God, how do you worship?

We worship God by breaking the bonds of injustice and freeing the oppressed.

People of God, come, let us worship God, whose glory surrounds us!

May our worship demonstrate God's glory in our neighborhood, community, and the whole earth.

* 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

*OPENING HYMN

"Honor and Praise"

TFWS 2018++

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

God of compassion and justice, the worship you choose for us is to let loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free, to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the unhoused poor. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly. So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives. Glory and honor be to you, O God, Creator of a new heaven and a new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 58:1-12

OT p. 688

SERMON

"Called to Action"

SPECIAL MUSIC

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"What Gift Can We Bring" (Verse 4)

UMH 87

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liberating God, receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to share bread with the hungry, to break chains of injustice, and to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and our lives mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"We Are Called"

TFWS 2172

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

GREETER | Geno Family **LITURGIST** | Jackie Pentecharsky **NURSERY** | Rebecca Masters
FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE HOUR | Carolyn Krejmas, Pat Moulton and Jim Snodgrass

PRAYER LIST: Marshall Cooper, Barbara Cooper, Family of Sally Tomasino, Julie Oberstoetter, Pat Corcoran, Connie & Fred Lamando, Terry Coupell, Gary Psarudakis, Pat Mystkowski, Barbara Urban, Hernandez Family, Dianne Siconolfi, Rhonda Leister, Pastora Veronica, Greg Hunt, Patrick Singer, Mark Geleyn, Carolyn Grossmann, Linda Ryder, Beth Klopffleisch, David Scheer, Mike St. Jean, Joanne Green, Sue and Gregg Rhodes, Jacob Hernandez, Rebecca Suarez, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Agnes Halsey, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Jim Lordi

THANK YOU FOR CARING

Souper Bowl of Caring Drive 2026

Thank you, Milford United Methodist Church!

Because of your generous donations of *cans of soup*, neighbors in our community will have warm meals and the comfort of knowing they are *not alone*.

Every can given was a simple act of love—and together, those small acts made a *big difference*.



*Thank you for helping us
love boldly and
serve joyfully.*



**Prayer Shawls Needed, especially
Baby Shawls. If you are interested in
being part of our Prayer Shawl Ministry,
please reach out to Nancy Heim for the
pattern.
Thank you!**

LENTEN SOUP & STUDY

There are 2 options available:

Virtual Only, via our Zoom Meeting link on
Sundays 5PM beginning February 22nd, or

**In-Person Only (with soup) on Monday evenings
6PM** beginning February 23rd in the Conference
Room. There will be a sign up sheet for soup to
be provided for the Monday night group.

“Entering the Passion of Jesus” The accounts of Jesus' Passion in all four Gospels are stories of failure and courage, despair and hope, political machinations and theological inspiration. In this 6 week Lenten study we'll delve into the history and literature of the last days of Jesus' life as we seek to understand and question our own lives through the stories of Jesus' trials and choices. This Lenten journey will challenge us to examine our consciences and find out how deepening our relationship with Jesus and the Bible brings us into closer relationship with others and the world. When we learn the history behind the texts we can read the Passion stories with *compassion* and see how much more meaningful they become.

IMPORTANT CHURCH INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CHILD CARE *(IN COMMUNITY RM/NURSERY AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)*

CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 8:30AM SANCTUARY

BELL CHOIR PRACTICE: SUNDAYS 11:30AM SANCTUARY

****New Group LIFE TALK : SUNDAYS 12:30PM in COMMUNITY ROOM**

CRAFTY LADIES: WILL RESUME IN SPRING

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

- **Today, February 8th—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SUNDAY—***Come up to the Altar after the service for a Photo Shoot with our collection*
- **Tuesday, February 10th—4:30-5:30PM Outreach Meeting (Conference Rm) -**
See insert for more information.
- **Friday, February 13th 6PM—**Ecumenical Food Pantry at Good Shepherd
- **Wednesday, February 18th—ASH WEDNESDAY 9AM—**Ashes on the Go @Jeweler's Square (corner of Broad St. & E. Ann St.)
- **Wednesday, February 18th—ASH WEDNESDAY 7PM—**Taize Worship
- **Thursday, February 19th 7:30 PM—**Faith & Fiction Book Group (Peace Like A River by Leif Enger)
- **Sundays 5PM, February 22nd—March 29th—**Virtual Lenten Study
- **Mondays 6PM, February 23rd—March 30th —**Lenten Soup & Study
- **Wednesday, February 25th 6:30 PM—**One Board/Trustee Meeting (Conf. Rm)
- **Friday, March 6th 6-8PM—**Pizza & Game Night (Fellowship Hall-RSVP to Office)
- **Friday, March 13th 6PM—**Ecumenical Food Pantry at Good Shepherd
- **Sunday, March 15th 4-7PM—**Tastefully British Fish & Chips Fundraiser



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