



# MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 13, 2025 | 6th Sunday in Lent | PALM SUNDAY  
10:00 AM

Theme: Steadfast Love

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor  
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE "Prelude in C" J.S. Bach

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last week's Communion Offering dedicated to UMC's Ministerial Education Fund

Raised \$ 301.00

*Thank You for your Generous Hearts!*

\* 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

Today, we join Jesus in the final ascent to Jerusalem, knowing the depths we will descend on our journey through Holy Week.

***Open the gates of righteousness, that we may come worship God!***

We join the disciples in declaring that Jesus, riding on a donkey, is our Ruler, the One who will bring peace and salvation for all.

***Open the gates of peace, that we may come worship God!***

We join with the bystanders who questioned and wondered who this Jesus really is, and feared the consequences of angering the powers that be.

***Open the gates of truth, that we may come worship God!***

The journey through Holy Week brings us face-to-face with the stark reality of sin and God's faithfulness to save.

***Open the gates of salvation, that we may come worship God whose steadfast love never fails!***

## \*PRAYER OF CENTERING

***Awaken us, Loving God, to the possibilities this day may hold for us. Call us forth from our weary routines and meager faith. Stretch us beyond our limited understanding and cramped enthusiasm. Free us to sing "Hallelujah" and wave branches and spread your love among those who have not experienced its power. Come among us, Gracious God, that we may fully experience your presence through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM Luke 19:28-40 NT p. 83

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" UMH 278

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 OT p. 565-6

SERMON "Open the Gates"

ANTHEM "Let the Gates be Opened Wide" Johannes Brahms

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** "This is the Day" Les Garrett

**\*DOXOLOGY** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (verse 1) UMH 280

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*God of Peace, who reigns in unexpected ways, we gather before you in this season of Lent, bringing our gifts as an offering of our hearts. Just as the crowd welcomed Jesus with shouts of praise, we offer our lives in service to your kingdom. Use these gifts to bring hope, healing, and love to a world longing for your peace. Bless these offerings and all who give in the name of Christ, our Savior. Hosanna! Amen.*

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH 277

**\*BENEDICTION**

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

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

**\*SENDING FORTH**

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**GREETER** | Gail Darcy **LITURGIST** | Liz Steen

**FELLOWSHIP** | Jane Frey and The Geno Family

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**PRAYER LIST** **Samantha Aquino, Carole McElwee, Family of Ellen Orben, Frank Farina,**

**Those affected by natural disasters,** Bill Davis, Jacob Hernandez, Robert Kelly, Rebecca Suarez, Pete Rushton, Arlene Moglia, Maureen Tresenreiter, Barbara Brown, Nazareth, immigrants, refugees and the marginalized, Connie Reed, Linda Ryder, Dianne Siconolfi, Jay Norejko, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, The Whateley Family, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, 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)

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 8:30 AM in the Sanctuary
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL:** Sunday at 11:30 AM in Sanctuary
- **CRAFTY LADIES:** Thursday at 9:30AM in Community Room

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**MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK:** [bit.ly/MUMCZoom](http://bit.ly/MUMCZoom)

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- **TODAY!** - After Worship- Green Team Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- **Thursday, April 17th 7:00 PM—Holy Thursday with Communion**
- **Friday, April 18th 10:00 AM—Good Friday, Community Walk of the Cross**  
*Meet up at Good Shepherd Church—W. Catharine & 5th St.*
- **Friday, April 18th 7:00 PM—Good Friday: Tenebrae Service of Shadows**
- **Sunday, April 20th 10:00 AM—EASTER SUNDAY & FLOWERING OF THE CROSS**  
*Bring in flowers to adorn the Cross*
- **Tuesday, April 22nd 6:30 PM (H) - Finance Meeting**
- **Wednesday, April 23rd 6:30 PM (H) - Church Council Meeting**
- **Thursday, April 24th 6:30PM (H) - Reconciling Ministries Meeting**

**PASTOR JENN WILL BE ON VACATION April 23rd through May 2nd —Rev. Will Nichols is providing Pastoral Coverage 917-293-8040**

**BONHOEFFER BOOK STUDY**

The Reconciling Ministries Team welcomes you to a book study centered on THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Through the lens of this great German pastor/theologian, we will explore what a commitment to live out one's faith in the world really means. Join us on Thursdays in May, beginning on 5/1, 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room or via ZOOM. Bring your questions!

**WE WELCOME ALL!**

Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews and place in collection plate.



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