



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 4, 2024 | 5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Communion 10:00 AM

Theme: Roots

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship and gather around God's table.

We come to remember God's grace.

We come to remember the story of God's love.

We come to be strengthened to share God's story.

We come to be reminded that all are welcome here.

We are all made in the image of God, and are called to be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world!

* 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

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Holy and Mysterious God, we thank you for the many ways you nourish us in this life – our bodies, our spirits, and our minds. Especially, we thank you today for the gift of Communion, the bread and cup which Jesus promised would be his continued presence with us. Though this may be a mystery to us, we trust you, receive your grace, and are grateful for the way communion connects us to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH 620++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

NT p. 173

SERMON

"Communion"

ANTHEM

"Come, Share the Lord"

Bryan Jeffery Leech

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of goodness, as we receive the gift of holy communion today - the gift of Jesus Christ himself - we offer our gifts to you. All good gifts come from your generous hands, and we thank you for entrusting us with these resources. Help us use them to do good in the world and resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves. Bless our offerings we pray, in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

UMH 15-16

LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP *(Everyone is invited to come to the rail to receive 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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" (verse 1-3) UMH 629++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

GREETER | Linda Ryder LITURGIST | Nancy McCallum

FLOWERS| Sign up with office FELLOWSHIP| The Geno Family

PRAYER LIST: Family of David Heim, Family of Riley Krick, Family of Joe Quattrocchi, Jane Frey, The Whateley Family, Betty Kenyon, Fred Meyers, Renee Dellarocca, Doug Houskeeper, Pam Houskeeper, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Gloria Schneider, Karen Boehning, Arlene & Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Michael Gilmore, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Richard Holt, Gretel Metzger, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Patrick Hall, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Joan Wortman, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Diane Siconolfi

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 AFTER CHILDREN'S MESSAGE)

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday at 8:30 AM** in the Sanctuary
- **BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL: Sunday at 11:30 AM** in Sanctuary
- **CRAFTY LADIES:** Meetings Begin Thursday, March 7th 9:30 AM

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

- **Sunday, February 11th Souper Bowl of Caring– please bring your donations to church by this date, thank you!**
- **Wednesday, February 7th 6 PM – Trustees Meeting (Hybrid)**
- **Friday, February 9th 6:15PM - Ecumenical Food Pantry (Good Shepherd)**
- **Tuesday, February 13th 5 PM - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**
- **Wednesday, February 14th 7PM - Ash Wednesday Worship Service**
- **Wednesday, February 21st 6:00-7:30PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER /THE PASSION PLAY VIDEO STUDY**

The Human Relations Day Communion Offering will be received on today, February 4. We are called to make an impact in communities where our siblings in Christ lack the resources or tools to reach their God-given potential. For more than 50 years United Methodists churchwide have supported the message Jesus delivered: EACH OF GOD'S CHILDREN ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT

WE WELCOME ALL!

Visiting with us today? Please fill out a Visitor Card found in our pews, thank you!

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.

If you would like to be on our email list, please contact the office at

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