

MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

May 21, 2023 | Seventh Sunday of Easter | 10:00 AM

Theme: Hymn Sing
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord.

*PRAYER OF CENTERING

Almighty God, we have come together longing for a glimpse of heaven. Let us lift up songs to the One who rides on the clouds and keep our eyes fixed on your glory. We come to the source of life, seeking new strength. We hunger for your word and thirst for your righteousness. Reveal yourself to us here, so we may recognize your presence with us in all times and places, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou Thy Vision" UMH 451++

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 96 OT p.550

SERMON "Then Sings My Soul"

ANTHEM "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Arr. Jack Schrader

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH 887

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 94++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All we have is from you, O God. All that we enjoy is the rich bounty of your love poured out on us. We offer these gifts with grateful hearts, as we offer ourselves to your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Hymn of Promise" UMH 707++

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

GREETERS | Jane Frey LITURGIST | Rebecca Masters FELLOWSHIP| * FLOWERS| *

*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: Rich Lovallo, Gloria Schneider, Sherri & Ells Van Houton, Minnie Weinstock, Marge Carofano, Chet Rideout, Karen Boehning, The Conklin Family, Emil Moglia, Ernie Balch, Pam Trovato, 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, 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 Siconolfi.

WE WELCOME ALL!

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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 after Children's Message**

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

FINANCE MEETING: Tuesday, May 23 6:00 (Online) **VISION TEAM:** Wednesday, May 24 6:30 (Hybrid) **CHURCH COUNCIL:** Tuesday, May 30 6:30 (Online)

NOMINATIONS/LAY LEADERSHIP: Wednesday, May 31st 4:30 (Conference Rm)

<u>TODAY DURING FELLOWSHIP:</u> In preparation for the book study, we will be showing two brief videos today and **May 28th.** For more information, contact Pam Houskeeper at rockband@ptd.net or Pat Moulton at pmoulton01@gmail.com. All are welcome!

GNJUMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE: May 21-23, 2023 Wildwood, NJ Pastor Jenn and Liz Steen will be our Clergy and Lay Representatives. Please keep them in prayer as they travel to and gather with other Clergy and Lay Leaders from the Greater New Jersey Conference for worship, business, and fellowship. The 2023 GNJ Conference's one-word theme is **Possibility**, inspired by Matthew 19:26, where Jesus assures us, "...with God all things are possible."

<u>SUNDAY May 28th:</u> Day of Pentacost Don't forget to wear RED as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church!

SUNDAY JUNE 4th: Volunteer Appreciation Sunday /Church Picnic after worship.

JUNE BOOK STUDY: Wednesdays in June (Hybrid) 7-8PM An exciting lay-led book study coming your way in June! "Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation" by Kristin Kobes Du Mez, PhD, a professor of history and gender studies at Calvin University, looks at the last 75 years of white evangelicalism, showing how some American evangelicals have worked for decades to replace the Jesus of the gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism. The book is available through Amazon. Join us in person or by Zoom for four Wednesday weekly sessions starting June 7th and ending June 28th.