Count Your Blessings

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS.

PSALM 103:2

milford united methodist church

November 24, 2024 | Reign of Christ Sunday | 10:00 AM
Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor
Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE   "Thanks Be To Thee"   G.F. Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Children of God, whom do we follow?
We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.
Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?
Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.
Children of God, how will we live in the reign of Christ?
We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.
Children of God, come, let us worship God, whose Love reigns over us, revealed in Jesus Christ!
Come, let us worship in Spirit and truth! Thanks be to God!

*OPENING HYMN   "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"   UMH #715
PRAYER OF CENTERING
Loving God of power and justice and peace, we seek a new order in our broken world, where there is courage to speak truth to power. We seek a new order in our divided world, where there is mutual support in church and community. We seek a new order in our frantic world, where there is abundant time for healing. We seek a new order where there is peace and freedom for all, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Child of Blessing, Child of Promise" (vs. 1) UMH 611++

BAPTISM   *Noah Michael Buda*   *see insert*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON   John 18:33-37   NT P. 113

SERMON   "Words Matter"

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM   "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"   *Arr. Susan Berry & Janet Van Valey*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER   UMH 895

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERING
OFFERTORY   "For the Fruits of This Creation"   Francis Jackson
*DOXOLOGY   "To God Be the Glory" (vs. 1)   UMH 98++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Loving Creator, whose reign is everlasting, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. May they serve to proclaim your truth and extend your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Transform our offerings and our lives to bear witness to the hope and promise of Christ, our king. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN   "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (vs. 1, 4, 6)   UMH #154

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE   "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (LOBE DEN HERREN) William Sterndale Bennett

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GREETERS | Pam Houskeeper **LITURGIST |** Lorna Cuevas
FLOWERS| Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall **FELLOWSHIP|** Carolyn Krejmas

Key to abbreviations: OT: Old Testament; NT: New Testament   UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS: The Faith We Sing   ++ Indicates Someone's Favorite Hymn

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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 (Some Wed. 5:30PM) SANCTUARY
CRAFTY LADIES: THURSDAYS 9:30 AM
MEETING SCHEDULE and MEETING ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/MUMCZoom

- **Sunday, Nov. 24th 4:00PM**   **Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving (Milford Borough Hall)**

- **Tuesday, Nov. 26th 6:00PM**   **Budget Workshop (Conference Rm)**
- **Tuesday, Nov. 26th 7:00PM**   **Church Council Meeting (Conference Rm)**
- **Thursday, Nov. 28th**   **THANKSGIVING DAY—Office Closed**
- **Friday, Dec. 6th 6:00PM**   **Pizza and Game Night**
- **Saturday, Dec. 7th 3:00 PM**   **"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 10th 6:30 PM**   **Trustee Meeting**
- **Friday, Dec. 13th 6:15 PM**   **Ecumenical Food Pantry (Good Shepherd)**
- **Sunday, Dec. 15th 4:00 PM**   **DVCS Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)**
- **Tuesday, Dec. 17th 6:30 PM**   **Church Finance Meeting (H)**
- **Saturday, Dec. 21st 4:00 PM**   **Taize Service—Longest Night**
- **Saturday, Dec. 21st 5:30 –6:30 PM**   **Longest Night Vigil in support of the Unhoused**

The **DECEMBER COMMUNION OFFERING** will be received
in support of our **Shared Ministry Giving**.

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