



MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 12, 2025 | 1st Sunday After The Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord Sunday | 10:00 AM

Jennifer Lovallo, Pastor

Jeffrey Fornoff, Music Director

PRELUDE Meditation of "Heavenly Dove" Gilbert M. Martin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* 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

When we pass through the cleansing waters of baptism and the troubled waters of our lives, God declares:

I will be with you.

When we go through the fires that refine us and the fires that threaten our livelihoods, God declares:

I will be with you.

Even when we travel to the far corners of the earth or down into the depths of our souls, God declares:

I will be with you.

So come, let us worship God whose love never fails, whose presence never leaves, whose mercies never end.

Praise be to God who, in the form of Jesus, waded into the waters of baptism to prove God's solidarity with us! Amen

*OPENING HYMN "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" UMH 605

PRAYER OF CENTERING

Eternal Father, at the baptism of Jesus you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 NT p.60

SERMON "Who's In Charge?"

ANTHEM "Canon of Praise" Arr. Hal Hopson

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "When Jesus Came to Jordan" W. Walker, harm J.S. Bach

*DOXOLOGY "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036++

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you guide us with your everlasting presence and we are thankful. We offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN "Baptized in Water" TFWS 2248

*BENEDICTION

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

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

*SENDING FORTH

*POSTLUDE "Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God" CHRISTE SANCTORUM

GREETER | Liz Steen LITURGIST | Lorna Cuevas

FLOWERS| Sign up with office FELLOWSHIP| Carolyn Krejmas

PRAYER LIST Jay Norejko, The Family of Marion Steele, Joe Schneider, Jim Schneider, The Tedesco Family, John Rodriguez, Michele Burrell, Richard Holt, Geoff & Pam Sackett, Camilla, Armando Avila, Gene Gillen, Marlene Horan, Jonathan Clements, Bobbie Myer, Arlene Moglia, Michael Gilmore, The Whateley Family, Marie Fornoff, Agnes Halsey, Martha Peldunas, David Kent, James Bennet, Joan Pauley, Ali Fitzgerald, Roger Fitzgerald, Debbie Conklin, Lori Sheppard, Nancy McKeen, Steve Urban, Brian Sheppard, Rose Belcastro, Barbara Urban, Lee Malone, Ellen Lee, Henry Salidino, Bill Davis, Jim Lordi, Christine Pasquarosa, Patty Reynolds, Casey Peguero, Linda Klee, Dianne 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:** No Meetings Until Further Notice—Winter Break

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

- Thursday, January 16th 6:30PM-Reconciling Ministries Meeting (H)
- Friday, January 17th 6:15PM—Ecumenical Food Pantry @Good Shephard
- Tuesday, January 21st 6:30 PM—Finance Meeting (H)
- Tuesday, January 28th 6:30PM-Church Council Meeting (H)

Sunday, January 19th-Sunday, February 9th

Collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring

WE WELCOME ALL!

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

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.

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