

You are encouraged to draw or write about gifts God has given you:

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**New Milford
United Methodist Church**



GIFTS

January 17, 2016 at 9:30am

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song,
and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

*Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!
Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.*



* **The order of service is** subject to change at the leading of **the Holy Spirit.**
Italicized Bold print invites congregational response in unison.
 † Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude "Adagio in Eb" by Boccherini Zoe Vandermeer

Welcome & News Sue Sterling

† **Opening Hymn #347** "Spirit Song" SPIRIT SONG

† **Call to Worship** [adapted from paraphrase of Isaiah 62:1-5] Sue Sterling

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
 until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

So our God will rejoice in us.

The nations then will see your integrity, and you will be called by a new name,
 one which the mouth of the LORD will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendor in the hand of the LORD.

So our God will rejoice in us.

No longer are you to be named 'Forsaken,' nor your land 'Abandoned,
 but you shall be called 'My Delight' for the LORD takes delight in you.

So our God will rejoice in us.

Prayer of Invocation [adapted from prayer by source unknown] Pastor Alex

† **Hymn of Praise #140** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination [adapted from prayer posted at lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu]

O God of steadfast love, at the wedding in Cana

Your Son Jesus turned water into wine, delighting all who were there.

**Transform our hearts by Your Spirit, that we may use our varied gifts to show forth
 the light of Your love as one body in Christ. Amen.**

Epistle Bible Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 [MSG]

Children's Message "Gifts from God" [concept by worshipingwithchildren] Pastor Alex
 [All children are invited to proceed to Sunday School for the lesson "Jesus Chooses" from Luke 4:1-13]

† **Gospel Reading** John 2:1-11 [NRSV] Sue Sterling

Reflecting on God's Message "" Pastor Alex

Sung Response #114 "Many Gifts, one Spirit" [v. 1] KATHERINE

Prayers of the People [*Prayers of the People, concludes with LORD's Prayer*]

Sung Response #114 "Many Gifts, one Spirit" [v.v. 2, 3] KATHERINE

Offering of Tithes and Gifts "Allegro in D Major" by Boccherini Zoe Vandermeer

† **Doxology #94**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
 Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer [prayer by © 2016 Thom M. Shuman posted at lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com]

GOING FORTH

† **Closing Hymn #143** "On Eagle's Wings" [2X] ON EAGLE'S WINGS

† **Commission, Visual Benediction and Passing of the Peace**
 ["A Celebration of Grace" a visual reflection for the Epiphany season, written by Phuc Luu]

**Let us go now, with our trust in Christ who has quenched our thirst with God's love.
 We will not be silent about God's faithful love,
 but shelter in the warmth of God's wings and keep our hearts honest.**

You take the mundane, the ordinary and turn it to something beautiful and new
 You cradle our doubts and fears, and bring calm to the storm
 You rejoice with us in our celebrations, and intoxicate us with Your Spirit
 You are present in our grief, our pain and traverse the dark and difficult roads with us
 You bury the dead and bring all things to life
 You take the thirsty, the hungry, the abandoned, and You quench our deep thirst
 You face the cliff's edge with us, and build a way, a path, a bridge
 You are present in the quiet; You are the place for our tired soul
 You are love upon love, grace upon grace

We go in peace to love and to serve. Amen!

Postlude "Andante in D Major" by Boccherini Zoe Vandermeer