



# NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



**Transfiguration Sunday | 02.14.2021 | 9:30am**

***A Special Service Offered in Partnership with  
Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton +  
the New York Annual Conference***



\* **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 or lift your hands** if able and comfortable.

**Please invite** your friends to join our worship services on Facebook & share our livestream.

## **WE GATHER TOGETHER**

### **Announcements**

**Pastor Sophy Gamber**

### **Welcome Statement**

**Pastor Mel Kawakami**

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

### **Invocation**

**Rev. Matt Curry**

Dir. of Connectional Ministries  
New York Annual Conference

### **Hymn** Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing (UMH 519)

**Raymond Trapp Ensemble**

Vanderveer Park UMC, Brooklyn

Lift ev'ry voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, 'til now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

**Black History Moment** *Sent by the Spirit*

**Bishop Roy C Nichols**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD****Hebrew Bible Lesson** Psalm 50: 1-6**Members of the New York Annual Conference Staff**

- 1** The mighty one, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.
- 3** Our God comes and does not keep silence,  
before the Lord is a devouring fire,  
and a mighty tempest all around God.
- 4** The Lord calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that God may judge God's own people:
- 5** "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"
- 6** The heavens declare the righteousness of the Holy One,  
for God is judge. *Selah*

**Gospel Lesson** Mark 9:2-9**Rev. Annette Rodriguez** (Woodcrest United Methodist Church)**Rev. Young Choi** (New Haven Korean United Methodist Church)**Rev. Shari Ponder** (Salem United Methodist Church)

**2** Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, **3** and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one[a] on earth could bleach them. **4** And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. **5** Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." **6** He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. **7** Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" **8** Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

**9** As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**Listening for God's Message****Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton**

Resident Bishop, NYAC

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD****Hymn** God of Promises (Lyrics by Doris Machin)**Rev. Dorlimar Lebron Malave**

First Harlem United Methodist Church

I know your eyes always attentive, they always remain on me.  
And your ears are attentive. To hear my cry, when I cry.  
But the joy comes from tomorrow. It is God from near and not from far.  
You never changed, you are faithful.  
He is God of covenants, God of promises, God who is not a man to lie.

Everything can happen, everything can change, but your word will be fulfilled.  
I know your eyes. Always attentive they remain in me.  
And your ears are attentive to hear my cry I can even cry.  
But the joy comes from tomorrow. It is God from near and not from far.  
You never changed you are faithful.  
He is God of covenants, God of promises, God who is not a man to lie.

Everything can happen, everything can change, but your word will be fulfilled.  
 If I am afflicted, He always fights for me. His plans cannot be thwarted.  
 My hope is in the hands of the great I AM.  
 My eyes will see the impossible happen.  
 He is God of covenants, God of promises, God who is not a man to lie.

Everything can happen, everything can change, but your word will be fulfilled.  
 God's word will be fulfilled in your life. Because he is not a man for me to lie.  
 Nor son of man to repent.  
 And the good work that he has started in you, He is perfecting it.  
 You will not die, you will live and live to tell the wonders of the Lord.  
 In the land of the living and everything that he has promised you, He will fulfill.

### Invitation to Offering

In gratitude for these gifts and for God's presence with us, let us bring our offerings.  
**Please** consider making an offering online <https://bit.ly/NMUMCGive>

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. We dedicate our gifts to you, and ask that through our giving and receiving that we be transformed into the likeness of the love of Christ, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Communal Recitation of the Lord's Prayer

*You are invited to pray aloud or silently whichever version  
 of the Lord's Prayer is closest to your heart,  
 or to follow along with the version printed below:*

***Our Father/Mother/Creator,  
 who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
 Amen.***

### Benediction

Rev. Doris K. Dalton

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**Note:** Deep gratitude to our volunteers and staff members who make our worship online and in person possible, and to our congregants whose continued efforts help to keep our community safe from Covid19. We lift up deep gratitude for the collaboration involved in making this worship service happen for the glory of God and the delight of Creation!

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