

*Thy kingdom 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Prayer after Receiving

[adapted from prayer by Thom M. Shuman © 2016 posted at lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com]

GOING FORTH

✝ **Closing Hymn #645**

"O Perfect Love"

✝ **Commission, Benediction & Passing of the Peace** [© 2019 enfolded]

Friends, let us go from here in relentless pursuit of Love.

We will not always get it right.

We will need each other to help us grow.

We will have to be brave.

But in this we trust, all the while, God is with us. Amen.

Postlude

musical selection by Tim Smith

"The Worship Is Ended: The Service Begins..."

**New Milford
United Methodist Church**

SHOW ME, DON'T TELL ME

**Sunday Worship Celebration
February 3, 2019 @ 9:30am**

68 Danbury Road, New Milford, CT 06776 | www.newmilfordumc.org | 860.354.4596

Rev. Alex da Silva Souto, Pastor - mobile: 415.706.5397 | Music Director, Tim Smith

Youth Leaders: Kelly O'Rourke, Heather Morin

Lay Leaders: Lois Ciccarelli, Jeannette Hicks, Courtney Karp, David Kullgren

Ministers: All members of the New Milford UMC

***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 identity, 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.

Large Print Hymnals, Large Print Bulletins, service script, pew cushions, and Listening Assistance Devices are available at the entry of the Sanctuary

You're encouraged to check-in at New Milford UMC on Facebook & share our livestream.

Pastor Alex

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude musical selection by Tim Smith

Welcome & News

✝ **Opening Hymn #549** "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

✝ **Call to Worship** [© 2019 enfleshed] Patty Jacobson

Let us open our hearts to the Presence of Love

Without Love, our words are but noise and our actions are empty

When we stray from Love, we stray from God

When we turn towards Love, our lives are rich with meaning

So let us seek Love in all we do

Love that protects

Love that sets free

Love that is tender

Love that challenges

Love that encourages

Thanks be to God, who is Love everlasting

Prayer of Invocation [© 2019 enfleshed] Pastor Alex

Anthem "Nothing Without Love" by Roger Emerson Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Sung Prayer for Illumination #384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" [v. 1]

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 13 [NRSV] Patty Jacobson

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Message on the Chancel Steps "A Church For All" Pastor Alex
[by Gayle E. Pitman, Laure Fournier]

Listening for God's Message

Prayer for Reconciliation

[adapted from liturgy by Thom M. Shuman @ lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com]

Assurance of Pardon [by Thom M. Shuman @ lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com]

The good news is that, in our God, we find that safe place for our lives.

In God's forgiveness, we are offered the healing we need.

**In God's acceptance,
we discover the love in which we may abide in every moment of our lives.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Hymn of Response #408 "The Gift of Love"

Offering of Tithes & Gifts musical selection by Handbell Choir

✝ **Doxology TFWS #2036**
**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, God's Son,
And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks. Give thanks.**

Offertory Prayer
[adapted from prayer by Thom M. Shuman posted at lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com]
[adapted from Jeremiah 1, 1 Corinthians 13 by Joanne C. Brown @ MinistryMatters]



HOLY COMMUNION

[Communion is a time when we celebrate and share in the presence of the risen Christ around His Table. This is an open Table and all are invited. **You need not** be a member of this Church or any Church; **you need not** be baptized. **You need only desire a closer encounter with God.** John Wesley, the founder of the people called Methodists, believed that it is possible to have a conversion experience during Communion, and so all are welcome at the Lord's Table. We use unfermented juice of the grape and gluten-free bread at the service of Holy Communion. Please signal to one of the ushers if you'd like to receive Communion at your seat.]

The Great Thanksgiving [please refer to pgs.13-14 UMC Hymnal]

LORD's Prayer [IN UNISON]
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.