

Offertory Prayer

*GOING FORTH*

✠ Closing Hymn #384 “Love Divine, All Loves Everlasting” UMH

✠ Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace

Go forth to walk in God’s ways.  
May our ways be blameless.  
Hold fast to God in all you do.  
Our hearts belong to God.  
May the love of God be yours.  
God’s blessings rest upon us.

Postlude musical selection by Tim Smith



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# New Milford United Methodist Church



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Epiphany – Scout Sunday February 12, 2017 @ 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.

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*ENTRANCE & PRAISE*

Prelude musical selection by Tim Smith

Welcome & News

✠ Opening Hymn #451 “Be Thou My Vision” *United Methodist Hymnal*

✠ Call to Worship  
Happy are those who walk in God’s ways.  
Blessed are those who observe God’s commandments.  
Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.  
Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.  
Come, let us love the Lord our God.  
We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

Prayer of Invocation Brinna Kolitz

Children’s Message “Forgiving and Forgiven” Brinna Kolitz  
[children are invited to proceed to Sunday School room for the Godly Play lesson:  
The Parable of the Sower, based on Luke 8:4-15]

Anthem Chancel Choir

Blessing of the Scouts  
O God, your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life.  
We lift to you the ministry of Scouting. We offer you thanks—  
for camping, to teach us that the world is our great home;  
for study and work, to build character;  
for service, to see our responsibility to those in need.  
Bless the work of Scouting, in this place and around the world, that, through its  
efforts,  
the young may, like our Lord, increase in wisdom and in stature, and in favor  
with you and all people. Amen.

Hymn of Praise #569 “Standing on the Promises” *United Methodist Hymnal*

*PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE*

Prayer for Illumination  
*Holy are You, God of every moment,  
and blessed is Jesus Christ, the Vine of life and hope.  
When He told stories of branches that would bend from the weight of grace;  
when his perfect nature showed us we could cast off our fears;  
it was in those moments that Your sacrificial love was revealed for all time.  
And now we ask Loving God; for Your message to enter into our hearts  
and manifest in our lives today and everyday. Amen.*

Gospel Reading “Matthew 5:21-26” [The Message]

Listening for God’s Message Brinna Kolitz

Call to Reconciliation

Assurance of Pardon  
God is at work, nurturing our growth  
and showing us the ways that lead to life.  
God is at work, reconciling us to one another  
and teaching us the paths of love.  
God is at work, hearing our confessions,  
forgiving our disobedience,  
and blessing us in love.  
Thanks be to God! Amen!

✠ Hymn of Response #384 “Love Diving, All Loves Excelling” (v. 1&2) *UMH*

Prayers of the People

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

✠ Doxology #94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*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!*