

GOING FORTH

✝ **Closing Song #206** "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" [v.v. 1, 2] HOUSTON

✝ **Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace**

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Go now, trusting in God's promises.

Seek the presence of the LORD and abandon yourself to prayer.

Follow those who are faithful to God,
stand firm against evil and seek healing for all.

May God be our saving light and fortress;

May Christ Jesus gather us into the safe wings of mercy;

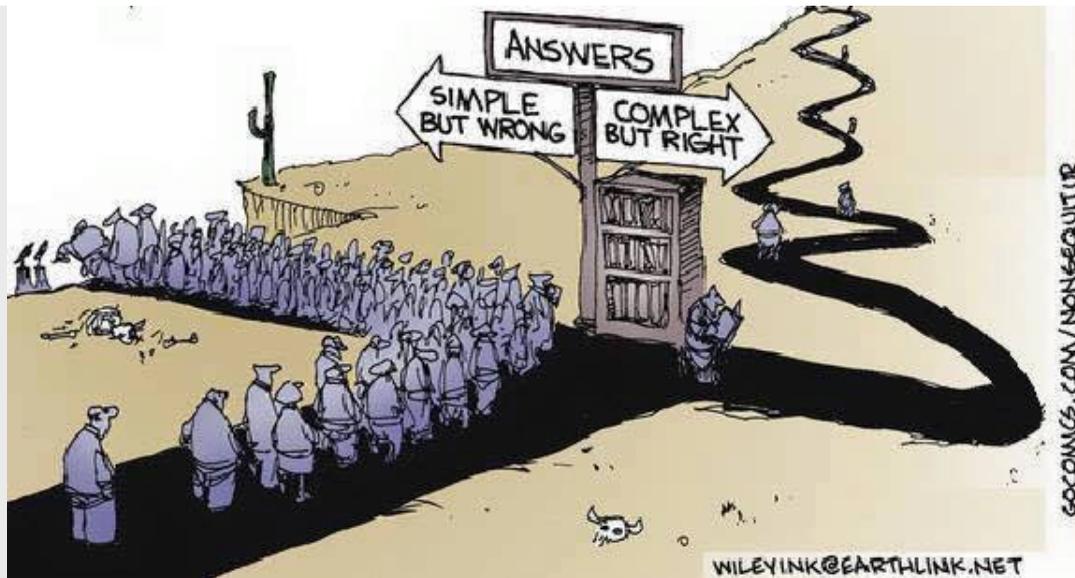
And may the Holy Spirit make us citizens of heaven.

We go in peace to love and serve God, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

"Sonata In C" by Domenico Scarlatti

Beate Neblett



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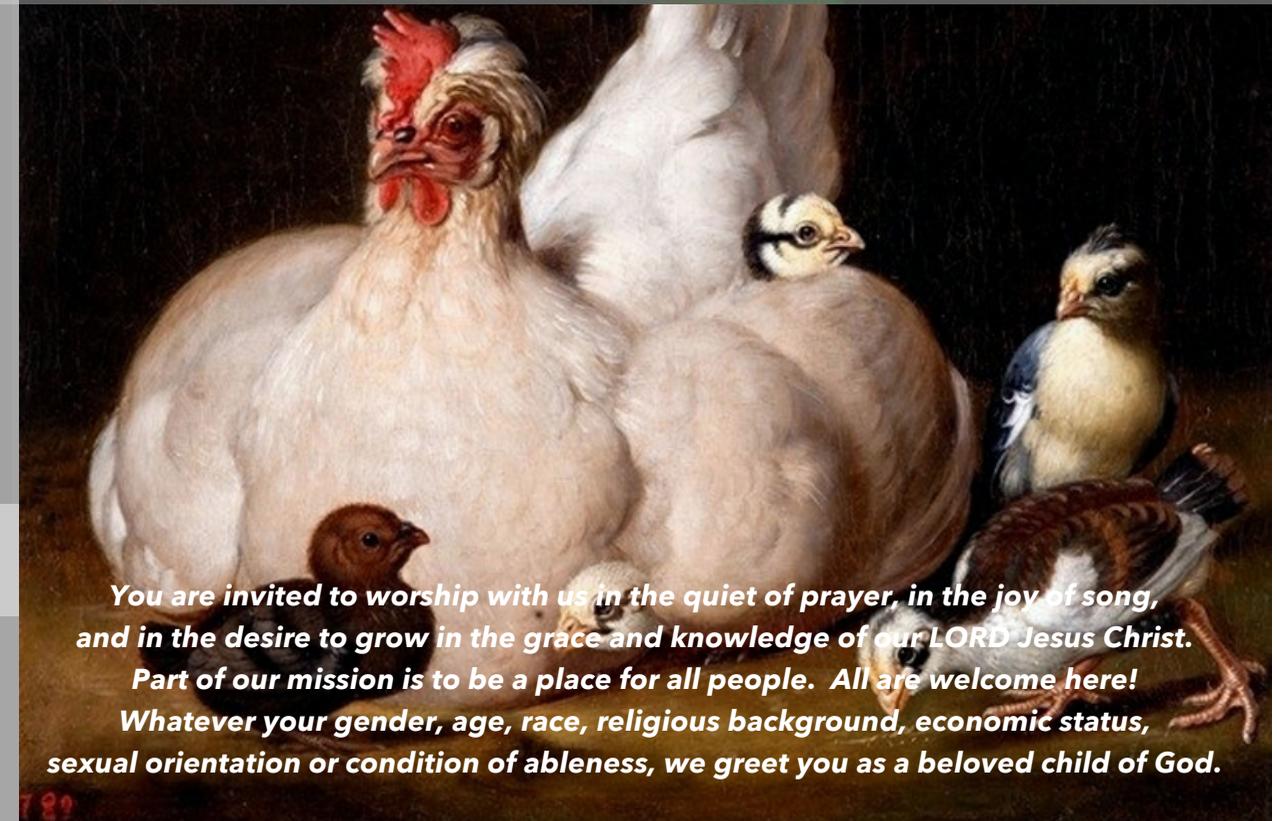
Brinna Koltz, Youth Leader | Lay Leaders: Marylyn Fuller & Pat Tripp

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New Milford United Methodist Church



February 21, 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 "Wonderful Words of Life" From John 6:62 by Philip P. Bliss Beate Neblett

Welcome

✚ **Opening Hymn #189** "Fairest LORD Jesus" ST. ELIZABETH

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Alex

✚ **Call to Worship** [adapted from Psalm 27] Tom Tibbatts

One: Let us worship God who is our light, our strength, and our salvation.

South: When our confidence is in God of whom shall we be afraid?

All: The Lord is our light, our light and our salvation.

One: One thing we ask of God, one thing we seek -
to live in the house of God all the days of our lives.

North: That we may behold the beauty of God in creation and in one another.

All: The Lord is our light, our light and our salvation.

One: One thing we ask of God, one thing we seek - to see the face of God.

All: That we may know God's goodness and strength all the days of our lives.

Prayer of Invocation [adapted from: The Shelter of Grace by John van de Laar]

Hymn of Praise #496 "Sweet Hour of Prayer" SWEET HOUR

Prayer of the People & Lord's Prayer [adapted from "Through Our Tears" by John van de Laar]

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

And as Jesus taught his followers we now pray saying...

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. 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.

Anthem "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" by Issac Watts, arr. Virgil Thomson Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Tom Tibbatts

**God of Wisdom, gather us to Yourself in tenderness,
open our ears to listen to Your word,
and teach us to live faithfully as people confident
of the fulfillment of Your promises.**

✚ **Gospel Reading** "Luke 13:31-35" [NRSV] Tom Tibbatts

Children's Message "The Hen and The Fox" Pastor Alex

[adapted from concept by sermons4kids.com]

[All children are invited to Sunday School for the lesson "Go Two by Two" from Mark 6:7-13]

Listening for God's Message "Transformed People Transform The World" Pastor Alex

Epistle Reading [in unison] "Philippians 3:17-4:1"

**Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me,
and observe those who live according to the example you have in us.
For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them,
and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly;
and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things.
But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior,
the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation
that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables
him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters,
whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.**

✚ **Hymn of Response #295** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" RATHBUN

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Tithes and Gifts "Jesus Is All the World to Me" by Will Thomson Beate Neblett

✚ **Doxology #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, Ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer Pastor Alex