

Prayer After Receiving [adapted from lectionary liturgies by © 2016 Thom M. Shuman]

GOING FORTH

✠ **Closing Hymn #115** "How Like a Gentle Spirit"

✠ **Commission, Benediction & Passing of the Peace** [adapted from © 2019 enflashed]

[Beloved], let us go from here
renewed in our commitment to supporting one another.
Wherever there is weariness, may we meet it with tenderness and care.

Wherever there is need, may we share what we have.

Wherever there is fear, may we extend our companionship.

With the Spirit of Christ as our guide, our joy will be found in one another. Amen.

Postlude musical selection by Tim Smith

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

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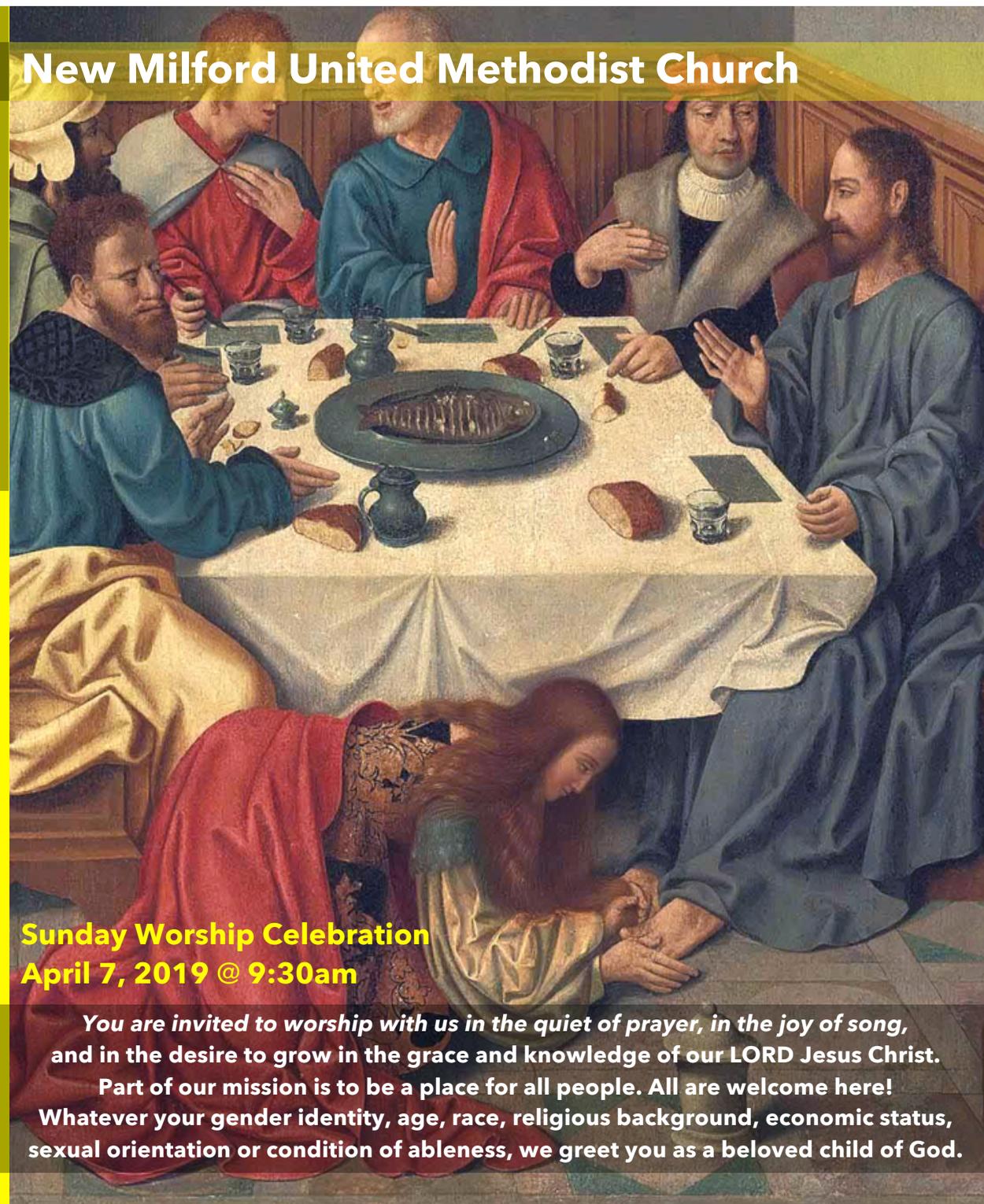
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New Milford United Methodist Church



Sunday Worship Celebration
April 7, 2019 @ 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 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.

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude musical selection by Tim Smith

Welcome & News

✝ **Opening Hymn #339** "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

✝ **Call to Worship** [© 2019 enflashed] Terri Hudak

The Holy One does great things for us!

Like water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert,

God meets us in times of trial.

Like the companionship of our closest friends,

God goes alongside us.

Like the satisfaction that comes after feasting at table,

God nourishes us on the journey.

With joy, let us seek the way of Love, trusting in the promises of God.

Prayer of Invocation [© 2019 enflashed]

Anthem ""All in the April Evening"" Katherine Tyman & Hugh Roberton Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination [adapted from lectionary liturgies by © 2016 Thom M. Shuman] Terri Hudak

You will do great things in us, Anointer of our hearts. You make a way through our hardened hearts, melting them into rivers of wonder for all. Please touch our tongues so they may tingle with the delight of truths, and may laughter tumbles out of our mouths as You move us to proclaim the Good News.

✝ **Gospel Reading** John 12:1-8 [NRSV] Terri Hudak

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

Listening for God's Message "Love with Abandonment" Pastor Alex

Call to Reconciliation [adapted from lectionary liturgies by © 2016 Thom M. Shuman]

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Assurance of Pardon

In the name of Jesus you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus you are forgiven.**

Prayers of the People [adapted from lectionary liturgies by © 2016 Thom M. Shuman]

Hymn of Response #507 "Through It All"

Invitation to Offering [© 2019 enflashed]

Offering of Tithes & Gifts "Here I am Lord" 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 [© 2019 enflashed]

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

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.