



**NEW MILFORD  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**



**Missions Sunday  
06 . 06 . 2021 | 9:30am**

## All are welcome here.



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!**

### WE GATHER TOGETHER

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Mel

Centering Prayer

Pastor Mel

### Call to Worship

God of delight,

**Your Wisdom sings Your Word  
at the crossroads where  
humanity and divinity meet.**

Invite us into your joyful being,  
where you are known

**in each new beginning,  
in all sustenance,  
in every redemption.**

May we manifest your unity

**in the diverse ways of life we live,  
in the diverse identities we embody,  
and in the diverse ministries you entrust to us.**

May we truly reflect your triune majesty

**in faith that acts,  
in hope that does not disappoint,  
and in love that endures.**

**Hymn of Praise:**      *We Are Called TFWS 2272*

**Performed by CAYA  
of Simsbury UMC**

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

**Chorus:** We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God!

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more! **Chorus**

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other, As sisters and brothers, united in love! **Chorus**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Hebrew Bible Lesson:**      *Psalms 138, NRSV*

- 1** I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- 2** I bow down toward your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.
- 3** On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.
- 4** All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 5** They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.
- 6** For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- 7** Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- 8** God will fulfill God's purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**Gospel Lesson:**      *Mark 3:20-35, NRSV*

**20** and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. **21** When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." **22** And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." **23** And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? **24** If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. **25** And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. **26** And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. **27** But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. **28** "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; **29** but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"— **30** for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

- 31** Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. **32** A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters[a] are outside, asking for you." **33** And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" **34** And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! **35** Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

*Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!***

**Listening for God's Message**      *"My Brother and Sister"*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**Hymn of Response:** *Seek Ye First SPW 182*

**Performed by CAYA  
of Simsbury UMC**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

**Invitation to Offering**

**Pastor Mel**

Please consider making an offering online <https://bit.ly/NMUMCGive>

**Offertory Prayer**

**Pastor Mel**

**A Choral Lord's Prayer**

**Performed by CAYA  
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*You are invited to sing or pray, aloud or silently, whichever version of the Lord's Prayer is closest to your heart. You may also 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.***

**WE ARE SENT**

**Closing Hymn:** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH 206*

want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus.  
God sent the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

**Chorus:** In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path and show me the way to the Father. **Chorus**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. **Chorus**

**Benediction**

**Pastor Mel**

**Postlude:** *Shalom To You*

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**Cover Image:** J. Kirk Richards, *Suffer Little Children to Come*, oil on panel.

**Note:** Deep gratitude to our volunteers and staff members who make our worship online 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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