



NEW MILFORD
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



Third Sunday after Pentecost
06 . 13 . 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

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Call to Worship

What mysteries there are in God's world!

We, so sophisticated, stand in awe at the wonders of the natural world.

We look at the tiniest seeds and wonder what will happen.

From that small seed will grow a large shrub.

Although we consider our gifts to be small and insignificant,

God will use our gifts in miraculous ways.

Praise the God of small seeds and mighty power. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: *Draw the Circle Wide*

**Performed by CAYA
of Simsbury UMC**

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

No one stands alone, we'll stand side by side.

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.

Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.

Let this be our song: no one stands alone.

Standing side by side, draw the circle,

draw the circle wide.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Hebrew Bible Lesson: *Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15*

1

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

2

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

3

to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

4

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

12

The righteous flourish like the palm tree,
and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13

They are planted in the house of the Lord;
they flourish in the courts of our God.

14

In old age they still produce fruit;
they are always green and full of sap,

15

showing that the Lord is upright;
he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Gospel Lesson: *Mark 4:26-34*

26 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, **27** and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

28 The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. **29** But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?"

31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; **32** yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; **34** he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Listening for God's Message *A Word Still Relevant*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Response: *Grace Alone*

**Performed by CAYA
of Simsbury UMC**

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Grace alone, which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.

Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
Every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

Invitation to Offering

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

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A Choral Lord's Prayer**Performed by CAYA
of Simsbury UMC***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 Could Sing of Your Love Forever***Performed by CAYA
of Simsbury UMC**

Over the rivers and the sea Your river runs with love for me
and I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.
I happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands
for I will always sing of when Your love came down.
I could sing of Your love forever.

Over the rivers and the sea Your river runs with love for me
and I will open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.
I happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands
for I will always sing of when Your love came down.
I could sing of Your love forever.

Everywhere I go I'm singing;
Every breath of air I'm breathing;
Everywhere I look I'll sing of when Your love came down.
I could sing of Your love forever.

Over the rivers and the sea Your river runs with love for me
and I can open up my heart and let the Healer set me free.
I happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands
for I will always sing of when Your love came down.

Benediction

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Postlude: *Shalom To You***Performed by CAY
of Simsbury UMC****Cover Image:** Jen Norton, *The Mustard Seed*, 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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