



*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.*

cover: collage by Pastor Alex

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NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday Worship Celebration

June 25 | 2017 | 9 am



* **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.

Listening Assistance Devices & LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available at the narthex

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude musical selection by Tim Smith

Welcome & News

† **Call to Worship** [by Nancy C. Townley at ministrymatters.com] Kitty Muro

Sometimes we just don't understand what God wants us to do.

We hide in our chains of fear away from God's call.

God calls us to service and freedom,
and it won't necessarily be an easy life.

There is so much that needs to be done. We can't do it all.

That's the beauty of it. We don't have to do it all.

We just have to try and do something to help those in need.

Our example will inspire others to service and life in the light, and so on it goes.

YHWH, make us ready to be Your disciples.

Free us from our fears. AMEN.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Alex
[adapted from "Faith That Carries The Cross" by John van de Laar at Sacredise.com]

Hymn of Praise #145 "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Kitty Muro

**Divine Light, please shine upon us
so we can become Your truth. Amen**

Gospel Reading Matthew 10:29-31 [MSG] Kitty Muro

Message at the Altar "God's Eye Is on the Sparrow" Pastor Alex
[inspired by writing by Sermon4kids.com]

Hebrew Bible Reading Genesis 21:8-21 [MSG] Kitty Muro

Listening for God's Message "Self Interest" Matthew 10:37-39 [NRSV]
Pastor Alex, Pastor Brinna Koltz, Pat Tripp, Lay Delegates to AC

† **Hymn of Response** "His Eye Is on the Sparrow"
words: Civilla D. Martin; music: Charles H. Gabriel

Offering of Tithes and Gifts musical selection by Tim Smith

† **Doxology #94** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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 up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offertory Prayer [adapted from prayer based on Matthew 10:24-39 by GBOD.org]

God of our joy and our sorrow, of our living and our dying:
help us to find a life that is full in the things that you would have for us:
love, justice, compassion, hope, faithfulness, mercy.
Let us not be so attached to life that we are afraid of change, or transition, or what
the future holds. As we offer to you this morning a small portion of what you have
entrusted to us, help us to have hands that hold nothing of this world as tightly as
we hold on to you and your son Jesus our Savior. In that Holy name, we pray.
Amen.

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM of

Milena Marie Yamada Souto
& everyone *The Holy Spirit moves to come forward.*
[please refer to bulletin]

GOING FORTH

† **Closing Hymn #377** "It' Is Well with My Soul" VILLE DU HAVRE

† **Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace**
[adapted from liturgy by Nancy C. Townleyministrymatters.com]

Even if the whole world does not understand,
go in God's peace to bring the news of hope and healing to this world.
Be at peace, for YHWH is with you wherever you go.
We go joyously in peace to love and serve...

Postlude musical selection by Tim Smith