

GOING FORTH

✝ Closing Hymn #192

"There's a Spirit in the Air"

ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

✝ Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace

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Let us go forth to walk in God's light.

We will show others the way to God's heart.

Let us go to bring hope and healing to the world.

**With a gift as simple as a cup of water,
and as complex as our lives, we will join Jesus in serving those around us.**

Let us go forth to gather up the little ones of our communities
into our homes and hearts.

With the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are no longer strangers but God's family.

Postlude

musical selection by Tim Smith

The Least

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"Whatever you do unto the least of these you do unto Me."

NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



*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.*

Sunday Worship Celebration July 2 | 2017 | 9am



* 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.

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ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude musical selection by Tim Smith

Welcome & News

† **Call to Worship** [inspired by concept by Nancy Townley at ministrymatters.com] Steven Cannito

Something new is stirring in our church, O YHWH

A different voice comes to us.

Make us ready to receive this new Word

Open our hearts and renew our spirits.

Let us be the voice of welcome, the spirit of joy.

Let us be those who bring the life-giving waters to others. AMEN.

Prayer of Invocation [adapted from prayer "Jesus In Disguise" by Sacredise] Pastor Alex

Hymn of Praise #432 "Jesu, Jesu" [v.v. 1-3] CHEREPONI

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination [adapted from lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu]

**Embracing God, Your love stands firm from generation to generation,
Your mercy is always abundant.**

**Give us open and understanding hearts, that having heard Your Word,
we may seek Christ's presence in all whom we meet. Amen.**

Bible Reading "Matthew 10:40-42" [CEV - Contemporary English Version] Stephan Cannito

Message at the Altar "God Disguised" Pastor Alex
[inspired by concept by Anna's Hosannas! at annashosannas.net]

† **Gospel Reading** "Romans 6:12-23" The Voice (VOICE) Stephan Cannito

Listening for God's Message "Sin" Pastor Alex

Prayer of Confession [by Nancy Townley at ministrymatters.com]

**Patient God, each and every day You offer to us new hope and special blessings.
From the rising of the sun to its descent, the light of Your love pours**

**on Your creation. We love all these things, but we want to hold onto each
of Your blessings just for ourselves. Teach us to share openly and willingly with
others. Forgive our selfishness and turn it to selflessness in service to You.
Clear our minds and spirits from sadness to a sense of joy and adventure;
for we offer this prayer in Jesus' name. AMEN.**

Words of Assurance [by Nancy Townley at ministrymatters.com]

Hear the good news! God has again blessed our lives with hope and joy.

Be at peace, dear ones, for God is with us. **AMEN.**

Hymn of Response #432 "Jesu, Jesu" [v.v. 4, 5] CHEREPONI

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 [Worship Elements: July 2, 2017 (Option 2) by ministrymatters.com]

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 at the service of Holy Communion. Gluten-free bread with separate cup is available as is the receiving of Communion at your seat - please speak with an usher.]



The Great Thanksgiving [Please refer to page 13~14 of the hymnal]

Prayer After Receiving & LORD's Prayer
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**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.**