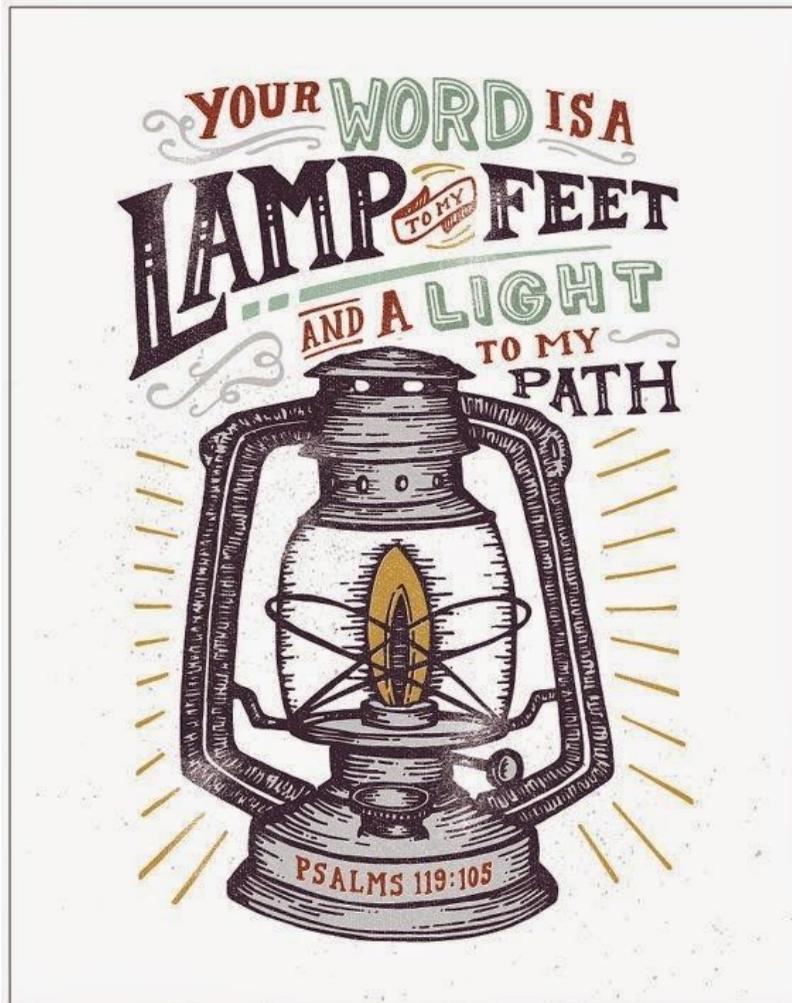


Welcome to
New Milford United Methodist Church

"Every Member a Disciple"



July 19th, 2020

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Order of Worship

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Sophy Gamber

Opening Hymn UMH 121

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy, like the wideness of the sea.
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple, we could rest upon God’s word
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

Call to Worship

Joann and Robert Hoburg

L: The Word of the Lord is a lamp

P: that gives light wherever we walk.

L: In joyful times and dangerous times, in dancing and in grief,

P: the Word of the Lord is a light to our feet.

L: Like a wise teacher, the Lord guides us in the ways of justice and love.

P: So we pray, O Lord, may Your Word be our hearts’ song in all seasons.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Sophy Gamber

God, sometimes it feels as though we walk through darkness. The path forward isn't always clear, the future to come is unknown. As we gather together to worship today, remind us that You are always present with us: guiding us, encouraging us, and sustaining us when uncertainty sets in or darkness falls. Shine a new light into our lives today. Reveal yourself afresh, that we may live more fully in your divine image and share in your divine life.

Hymn of Faith WS 3020

"Fresh as the Morning"

1 God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our center, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain:

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, your love sustains.**

**Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, your love sustains.**

2 God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.

[Refrain]

3 Those without status, those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.

[Refrain]

Prayer for Illumination

Marlene Davis

God of the Bible, God in the Gospel, you are our hope seen in Jesus. As we enter into this time to reflect on your Word and listen for your voice, may we keep you at our center, in daylight or darkness, in confusion or clarity, for surely you are our home. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Marlene Davis

Psalm 119:105-112

Contemporary English Version

Your word is a lamp that gives light
wherever I walk.

Your laws are fair, and I have given my
word to respect them all.

I am in terrible pain!
Save me, Lord, as you said you would.

Accept my offerings of praise
and teach me your laws.

I never forget your teachings, although my
life is always in danger.

Some merciless people are trying to trap
me,
but I never turn my back on your teachings.

They will always be my most prized
possession and my source of joy.

I have made up my mind to obey your laws
forever, no matter what.

The Message Translation

By your words I can see where I'm going;
they throw a beam of light on my dark path.

I've committed myself and I'll never turn
back
from living by your righteous order.

Everything's falling apart on me, God;
put me together again with your Word.

Festoon me with your finest sayings, God;
teach me your holy rules.

My life is as close as my own hands,
but I don't forget what you have revealed.

The wicked do their best to throw me off
track, but I don't swerve an inch from your
course.

I inherited your book on living;
it's mine forever— what a gift!
And how happy it makes me!

I concentrate on doing exactly what you
say— I always have and always will.

Listening for God's Message

Pastor Sophy Gamber

“One Night Last July When the Power Went Out”

Sung Response WS 3004

Step By Step

God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God,
and I will ever praise you.

I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways;
and step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.

Prayers of the People

Pastor Sophy Gamber

We praise your abiding guidance, O God,
for you send us wisdom, comfort, and guidance in times of difficulty,
just as you sent Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah,
to model for us the way of love for the whole universe.
We offer these prayers of love
on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors,
on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures.

***(At this time, you are invited to share your prayers with the community
by typing them into the Zoom chat or Facebook comments)***

Loving God,
open our ears to hear your word
and draw us closer to you,
that the whole world may be one with you
as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray, saying:

***Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

Invitation to Offering

Please consider making a financial offering online at <https://bit.ly/NMUMCGive>

Doxology 94 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**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 uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Dedication

Bob Hoburg

Almighty and merciful God, from whom comes all that is good,
we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that has created us,
your grace that has sustained us, and your wisdom that has guided us.
Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you
and delighting to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn UMH 507

Through It All

Through it all, through it all,
I've learned to trust in Jesus,
I've learned to trust in God;
through it all, through it all,
I've learned to depend on God's word.

Benediction

Pastor Sophy Gamber

Through it all,
in daylight or darkness, in certainty or doubt,
may we go into the world to live lovingly alongside one another.

Through it all,
may we be guided by the Loving Word of God
that gives light to our paths.

Let us go forth to grow in God's love.
Let us go forth to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
Let us go forth, walking in the Light of God.

Go now in peace to love God and one another.

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