

Postlude Musical Selection by Tim Smith

New Milford United Methodist Church

“The Worship Is Ended:
The Service Begins...”

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Sunday Worship Celebration July 28, 2019 @ 9:30am

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 identity, age, race, religious background, economic status,
sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.



* **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.

Large Print Hymnals, Bible, Bulletins, Service Script, pew cushions, and Listening Assistance Devices are available at the entry of the Sanctuary

You're encouraged to check-in at New Milford UMC on Facebook & share our livestream.

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

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Welcome

✝ **Opening Hymn #117** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" [v.v. 1, 2]

✝ **Call to Worship** [© 2019 enfleshed] Nancy Mascio

Let us give thanks to the Holy One, who hears the cries of all who anguish.

Praise God, who restores and revives our souls.

Like a loving parent, God provides for us in times of trouble:

Wisdom that nourishes. Love that soothes. Hope that overcomes.

Until the day faithfulness springs from the ground and righteousness

and peace rise to kiss, God, our Provider, upholds us.

Prayer of Invocation [© 2019 enfleshed] Pastor Alex

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM of

Noah Thomas Forbes

Parents: Jessica & Kelly Forbes; Sponsors: Joseph Egan, Jennalee Dickinson

Parents & Sponsor: We present Noah Thomas Forbes for Baptism.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination [from lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu] Nancy Mascio

Heavenly Parent,

**in Your goodness You pour out on Your people all that we need,
and satisfy those who persist in prayer.**

**Make us bold in asking, thankful in receiving, tireless in seeking,
and joyful in finding, that we may always proclaim Your coming kin-dom
and do Your will on earth as in heaven. Amen.**

Message by the Altar Pastor Alex

Epistle Reading "Colossians 2:6-19" [NRSV] Nancy Mascio

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Listening for God's Message Pastor Alex

Hymn of Response #405 "Seek Ye First"

Invitation to Offering [© 2019 enfleshed]

Offering of Tithes & Gifts musical selection by Tim Smith

✝ **Doxology #94**

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 [© 2019 enfleshed]

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 and gluten-free bread at the service of Holy Communion. Please signal to one of the ushers if you'd like to receive Communion at your seat.]

The Great Thanksgiving & Lord's Prayer

**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.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

Prayer After Receiving

GOING FORTH

✝ **Closing Hymn #384** "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"

Commission & Benediction [adapted from © 2019 enfleshed] Pastor Alex

Unsatisfied with easy answers that destroy, unwilling to give up on each other,
let us go from here as fierce advocates for all life; for every creature and creation!

With the Spirit of Truth as our companion, may it be so.