

 NEW MILFORD
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost | 08 . 08 . 2021 | 9:00am



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 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.*

WE GATHER TOGETHER

Prelude

Harlan Otter

Words to Ponder:

Whoever comes to Christ will never hunger.
Whoever believes in him will never thirst.
Blessed be the bread of life and the living water.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Ed

*Call to Worship

Martha McMahan

Leader: Come, children of God. Come and find refuge and strength.

People: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: Come, heirs with Christ. Come and find forgiveness and joy.

People: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

Leader: Come, people of faith. Come to the one who is attentive to our pleas.

People: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

*Opening Prayer

Source of faithful love, you redeem us from our wrongs.

We come before you today, eager to be refreshed in body
and to be made whole in spirit.

Feed us from the living bread that comes down from heaven,
for we are drawn to your Son as steel is drawn to a magnet.

Build up our community of faith through the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may live as those who are worthy of our calling. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise:

"It Is Well With my Soul"

UMH #377

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Pastor Ed

Children's Message

Prayer of Confession

Martha McMahon

**Out of the depths we cry to you, O God, with eyes streaked with tears.
 For we cannot always save the ones we love, and are left alone to taste the bitter dregs
 of our sorrow.
 In the lonely watches of the night, we yearn to set aside our anger and resentment,
 and embrace the paths of healing and wholeness.
 In the dark night of the soul, we long to forsake our anguish,
 and embrace your mercy and compassion.
 Open our hearts anew to your kindness and love, your mercy and compassion,
 that we may know in our bones how much we are your beloved children.
 Amen.**

Words of Assurance***Hymn of Response**

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

UMH #474

WE HEAR THE WORD***New Testament Reading:**

John 6:35, 41-51

Martha McMahon

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Reflecting on God's Message

"Labels"

Pastor Ed

Prayers of the People**Invitation to the Offering**

***Doxology #95**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Offering Prayer

**Bountiful God,
in praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings, receive our tithes and offerings,
that they may be for the world signs of the bread of heaven
and the fullness of your grace.
For we came here hungry for your Spirit, and you fed us with food that satisfies.
We came here thirsting for your grace, and you revived us in our need.
In humble thanks, we thank you. Amen.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**Sending Hymn**

“Lord, I want to be a Christian (verse 1,2&4)”

UMH #402

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

Benediction*Postlude**

Pastor: Pastor Ed Dayton
Music Director Harlan Otter
Liturgist: Martha McMahan

Note: Deep gratitude to our volunteers and staff members who make our worship online and in person 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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