

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 & LORD's Prayer [Please refer to page 13~14 of the hymnal]

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.

Prayer After Receiving

GOING FORTH

✠ **Closing Hymn W&S #3011** "All My Days" HIXON

✠ **Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace**
[adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com (c) 2014 Thom M. Shuman]

Go now, to find the thirsty.

We will journey with them where the living water flows.

Go now, to find the hungry.

We will share from our abundance and break bread with them.

Go now, to find the stranger.

We will embrace them as siblings.

Postlude

musical selection by Tim Smith

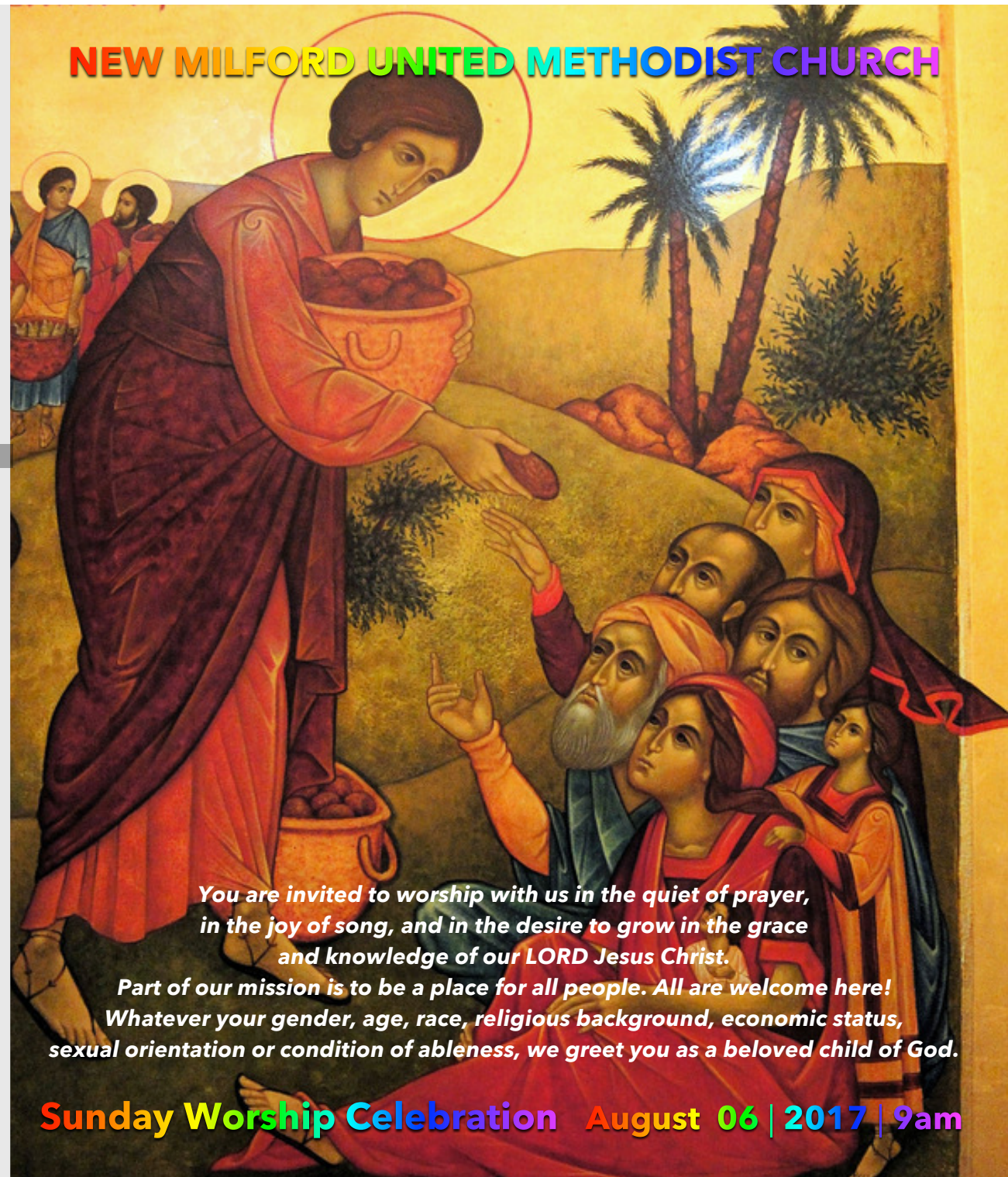
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NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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 August 06 | 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.

Listening Assistance Devices & LARGE PRINT BULLETINS please ask an usher

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude musical selection by Tim Smith

Welcome & News

✝ **Call to Worship** [adapted from liturgies by Nancy C. Townley at ministrymatters.com] Brinna Kolitz

Even in the middle of summer, our hearts can be burdened.

Stress and worry do not seem to take vacations.

You have come to a special place where you can find relief and healing.

Thanks be to God for providing us with such blessings.

You who are thirsty but do not have the money, come and drink,

That the word of God might accomplish its purpose.

You who are hungry but do not have the price, come and eat,

That the word of God might accomplish its purpose.

You who labor but do not get your reward, come and consider,

That the word of God might accomplish its purpose.

You who scatter seed but do not reap the harvest, come and plant,

That the word of God might accomplish its purpose.

Let us drink the water of life and eat the bread of heaven.

We open our hearts and spirits in thanksgiving to God. AMEN.

Prayer of Invocation [adapted from "Plenty" by John van de Laar @ Sacredise.com] Pastor Alex

Hymn of Praise #629 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" [v.v. 1, 2, 4] GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination [adapted from prayer by Meister Eckhart c.1260-c.1327] Brinna Kolitz

Glorious God, awaken in us a hunger for food to satisfy body, heart and mind...

"For not only bread, but all things necessary for sustenance in this life are given on loan to us with others and because of others and for others, to others through us." Amen.

✝ **Gospel Reading** "Matthew 14:13-21" [NRSV] Brinna Kolitz

Message at the Altar "Give us Today Our Daily Bread" Pastor Alex
 [inspired by concept by Carolyn C. Brown]

Listening for God's Message Pastor Alex

Hymn of Response W&S #3149 "A Place at the Table" PLACE AT THE TABLE

Prayer of Confession [adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com (c) 2014 Thom M. Shuman]

We are sure we do not have enough to end hunger in our communities, Holy God. Forgive us that we forget that, by Your presence and power, very little can do so much. We believe we are the only ones who carry heartache around with us. Forgive us, Compassion's Heart, that we do not see, or embrace the despair of those around us. We think we do not have the words with which to offer hope and healing to strangers. Forgive us, Welcoming God, for not having the courage to run up to them with Your grace. We convince ourselves that we need to devote all our time, our energy, our resources, our lives on keeping up with others. Forgive us for not living that joyful, gracious life modeled for us by You, Jesus our Savior and Kin.

[Moment of Silent Confession]

Words of Assurance [adapted from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com (c) 2014 Thom M. Shuman]

Listen! Come to the One who covers us with compassion,
 who feeds us on grace and mercy.

***What Good News! Everyone who thirsts is given water;
 everyone who hungers is fed; everyone who falters is forgiven.
 Thanks be to God. Amen!***

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 lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com (c) 2014 Thom M. Shuman]

Hymn of Preparation #629 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" [v.v. 3, 5]

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

