



**\*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, large print 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.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Prelude**

Harlan Otter

**Words to Ponder:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Ed

**Introit**

"Simple Gifts"  
by Joseph Brackett

Bell Choir

**\*Call to Worship**

Charles Samson

Magnify the Lord. Exalt God's holy name.

**How can we praise God amidst so much suffering?**

God is Lord over all—both good and evil.

**Only the saints can comprehend such things.**

The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing, and transforms the suffering of the faithful into a deeper joy.

**Restore our fortunes, O God, when calamity strikes.**

Magnify the Lord, you righteous of the Lord.

**We will exalt God's holy name.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

God our healer, source of everlasting mercy, give us the courage to cry out in our need when the crowd seeks to silence us, as did blind Bartimaeus outside Jericho; give us the wisdom to admit our limitations and accept our limited understanding, as did Job before us; give us the confidence to sing your praises in the midst of fear and doubt, as the psalmist did in David's court.

Grant us your healing balm, O God, that we may be truly made well and whole and follow you all the days of our lives. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise**

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

#452

**\*Passing of the Peace Of Christ**

Pastor Ed

**Children's Message**

Pastor Ed

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**Prayer of Confession**

Charles Samson

God of mystery and blessing, we long to be counted among the wise, and not among the foolish who speak without knowledge; we yearn to be found among the righteous, and not among those who boast without cause; we desire to be sincere agents of your grace, and not be as those who speak empty words without true compassion.

Give us eyes to truly see when we only see what others have, and not what they have lost.

Give us hearts of flesh when we are absorbed in our own desires, and ignore the needs of others.

As blind Bartimaeus before us, grant us the courage to cry out our need, for you are ever drawing near. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Pastor Ed

**Hymn of Response**

"A Mighty Fortress is Our Lord" (V1, 2 & 4)

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**\*Gospel Reading**

Mark 10:46-52

Charles Samson

<sup>46</sup> They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup> Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.



**Reflecting on God's Message** "If we could see through Jesus' eyes what would we see?" Pastor Ed

**Prayers of the People**

**Invitation of the Offering**

musical selection by Harlan Otter

**Offertory Anthem**

“Holy Is the Lord”  
by Twila Paris

Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

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**

Pastor Ed

Mighty God, just as you restore sight to the blind and benevolence to the afflicted, use these offerings to provide refuge for the lost and mercy for those who suffer.  
May our gifts find those who cry out in their need and who seek you with their whole hearts.  
We ask this in Jesus’s name, the name above all names. Amen.

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*Sending Hymn**

“Open Our Eyes Lord” (x2)

#2086

Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him,  
And say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord,  
And help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus.

**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.  
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.**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Harlan Otter

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost | 10.24.2021 | 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.*