

Postlude



NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Ministers: All members of the New Milford UMC

*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

October 08 | 2017 | 9:30am

* **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.

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ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude musical selection by Tim Smith

Welcome & News

✝ **Opening Hymn #368** "My Hope is Built" THE SOLID ROCK

✝ **Call to Worship** Pat Tripp

Come away from the rush and worry of the world to worship God.

We come seeking peace and quiet for our souls.

Rest your spirits. Quiet your hearts. God is with us.

Praise be to God who calls us to come away.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Alex

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism of Derek Henry Carey

Presented by Wayne and Christy Carey; Joe Carey and Vanessa Carey

Message on the Chancel Steps "God Speaks to Children" Pastor Alex
(Children are invited to proceed to Sunday School
for the lesson "Calls Samuel" 1 Samuel 3:1-21)

Anthem "Give Me the Grace" Chancel choir

Prayer for Illumination [Ministry Matters] Pat Tripp

Almighty God, Your word bursts forth into our lives like a glorious sunrise.

You speak, and our hearts rejoice.

You command, and our eyes are opened.

The sound of your voice brings revival to our souls.

Your words are purer than the finest gold.

True and righteous one, living Word, light our way.

As we listen to your Spirit, may the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be accepted in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

✝ **Bible Reading** "Psalm 19" [The Voice (VOICE)] Pat Tripp

*The Word of God to the People of God! **Thanks be to God!***

Listening for God's Message Pastor Alex

Prayers of the People & LORD's Prayer

A Prayer of Recognition of a Transgender Person

Welcome of Damon Mazza as a daughter of God

(Written/Compiled by Rev. Melanie 'Mel' Martinez; 2009)

Hymn of Response #355 "Depth of Mercy" CANTERBURY

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 [Ministry Matters]

Lord of grace and forgiveness, you who gave everything

and spared nothing to make us your own, we offer back to you

what you have so freely given to us.

Let all that we say and do, all that we think and plan and consider,

be pleasing to you, blessed Creator,

Provider, and Savior, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

GOING FORTH

✝ **Closing Hymn #559** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY

✝ **Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace** [adapted from Ministry Matters]

Hear the voice of the Creator, the mighty God,

the One who built the vault of heaven who set the sun on its blazing course through the

skies! Hear the words of life, declared not by speech or language or voice but written on

the heart! Go forth in the name of the living Word, the One whose words bring forth

the fruit of the kingdom in your own lives! Amen.