

GOING FORTH

✝ Closing Hymn #206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

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

You have received blessing upon blessing from the Lord. Now go into the world offering hope and peace to all people you meet. Be involved in justice and healing ministries in the name of the Lord. Go in peace, AMEN.

Postlude

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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

October 15 | 2017 | 9:30 am



* **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 #398** "Jesus Calls Us"

✠ **Call to Worship** Mary Prause

When the Lord calls us to the banquet, we get puffed up with importance.
Humility needs to be our attitude; humility and gratitude.
Help us, O Lord, be grateful for the many ways in which you love us.
Help us return that love by the way in which we care for others.
Be with us, O Lord, this day
Open our hearts to hear your words of hope and encouragement. Amen.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Alex

Anthem "A Place At the Table" Shirley Erena Murray

For everyone born, a place at the table
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead

Refrain : And God will delight, when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes ,God will delight, when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

For Woman and man, a place at the table
revising the roles, deciding the shares,
with wisdom and grace. dividing the power
for woman and man, a system that's fair.

Refrain
For everyone born, a place at the table
to live without fear and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

Refrain And God will delight, when we are creators of justice and joy,
yes ,God will delight, when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

Prayers of the People & 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.

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination [Ministry Matters] Mary Prause

Lord, you know we are in the midst of a very confusing political season. The shouts of the partisan communities often deafen us to the needs of those around us. Help us remember that you have called us to service, to ministries of hope and healing. Forgive us when we get so caught up in the chaos that we forget your presence. Give us courage and strength to truly serve you by serving your people. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

✠ **Gospel Reading** "Matthew 22:1-14" [MSG] Mary Prause

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

Message on the Chancel Steps Pastor Alex

Listening for God's Message "The Invitation" Pastor Alex

Hymn of Response #616 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast"

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]

**O God, creator of all that we have and all that we are,
no one can utter all your mighty deeds or declare all your praise.
Yet accept these gifts, we pray,
both as tools of the work of the gospel
and as signs of our pledge to be coworkers
in Christ's name. Amen.**