

The Service of Worship

New Milford United Methodist Church

NOTES:



Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 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, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

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Rev. Alex da Silva Souto, Pastor | Zoe Vandermeer, Interim Music Director
Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader | Ministers: The members of the New Milford UMC

* **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.

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude "I Stand All Amazed, by Gabriel, arr. by DeFord" Zoe Vandermeer

Welcome & News [Please refer to the bulletin insert for "Our Life in Community" news, and do share it with your family and friends.]

† **Opening Hymn #581** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" BEACH SPRING

† **Call to Worship** [based on Psalm 104]

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, we stand in awe at your greatness.

Your being is clothed with honor and majesty and robed in light

You stretch out the heavens like a tent,

making the winds Your messengers, and fire and flame Your servants.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

How great are your works, O God!

In your wisdom you created the earth and all that is within it.

In thanksgiving, let us worship and praise the Lord our God.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Alex

† **Hymn #375** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" BALM IN GILEAD

Prayers of the People & LORD's Prayer [IN UNISON]

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.

† **Hymn of Praise #103** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" ST. DENIO

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Sue Sterling

Creator God, You are wrapped in light as a garment, clothed with honor and majesty.

Enlighten us with true faith and humble obedience

that seeks to serve others in Your name. Amen.

† **Gospel Reading** "Mark 10:35-45" [NRSV] Sue Sterling

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message "Winning the Prize" Pastor Alex

[Congregation Sings "Jesus Loves Me" as children proceed to Sunday School.]

Hebrew Bible Reading "Job 38:1-7, 34-35" [MSG]

Reflecting on God's Message Pastor Alex

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Tithes and Gifts "Peace, Be Still!, Clatterbuck" Zoe Vandermeer

† **Doxology #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offertory Prayer

May our gifts lay a foundation of hope for all in despair;

may they brighten the shadows of those who wander alone;

may they cause the voiceless to join the morning stars in singing Your praises.

This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

GOING FORTH

† **Closing Hymn #261** "Lord Of The Dance" [v.v. 1, 3, 5] LORD OF THE DANCE

Commission, Benediction & Passing of the Peace

"We are a blessed people."

Though Christ has welcomed us to God's table, we shall not lord it over others.

We shall strive not to be served, but to serve, and pray for the salvation of all.

We go in peace to love and humbly serve.

And may God be present to us in times of trial;

may Christ Jesus pray for us and secure our forgiveness;

and may the Holy Spirit fills us with hope and humility.

Postlude Improvisation Zoe Vandermeer