

Offertory Prayer

GOING FORTH

✝ Closing Hymn #451

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

Commission, Benediction & Passing of the Peace

Drink in the richness of God and be strong.

May God give you a long and full life;

May Christ Jesus open your eyes to the wonder of life;

and may the Holy Spirit fill you with the faith that makes you whole.

We go out with your eyes opened to the presence of God and follow Jesus on the way.

We go in peace to love and serve.

Postlude

“Inspired Bard”

R. Jones - Welsh Triple Harp - Zoe Vandermeer

NOTES:

The Service of Worship

New Milford United Methodist Church



Sunday, October 25, 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 "Welsh Ground" R. Jones
Welsh Triple Harp - 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 #351 "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior" [v.v. 1, 3] PASS ME NOT

† Call to Worship [based on Psalm 34]

Let us bless God every chance we get; Let us live and breathe God;
if things aren't going well, hear this and be happy:

Right: Join me in spreading the news; together let's get the word out.

God met me more than halfway, he freed me from my anxious fears.

Left: Look at Him; give Him your warmest smile.

Never hide your feelings from Him.

When I was desperate, I called out, and God got me out of a tight spot.

All: Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see— how good God is.

God redeems the life of His servants;

none of those who take refuge in God loses out.

All: Blessed are we who run to God.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Alex

Hymn #349 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" LEMMEL

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.

Hebrew Bible Reading "Psalm 126" [NRSV]

¹ ***When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.***

² ***Then our mouth was filled with laughter,***

and our tongue with shouts of joy;

then it was said among the nations,

"The Lord has done great things for them."

³ ***The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.***

⁴ ***Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.***

⁵ ***May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.***

⁶ ***Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.***

Anthem "Healer of my Heart" R.W. Johson and J. Robinson

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Joan Hoburg

***O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, You heard the cry of the blind beggar
when others would have silenced him.***

***Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore,
that we might respond through the power of the Spirit to heal the afflicted and to welcome
the abandoned for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen.***

† Gospel Reading "Mark 10:46-52" [NRSV] Joan Hoburg

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message Pastor Alex

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

Reflecting on God's Message Pastor Alex

† Hymn of Response #454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" OPEN MY EYES

Invitation to Offering

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

† 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.