

## Sharing of the Bread & Cup

musical selection by Tim Smith

## Prayer after Receiving

"What Life Can Be" by John van de Laar

### GOING FORTH

#### ✦ Closing Hymn #140

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

#### ✦ Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace [Franciscan Prayer of Blessing]

Pastor: *May God bless you with discomfort ...*

*at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
so that you may live deep within your heart.*

**Right side:** *May God bless you with indignation ...*

*at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

**Left side:** *May God bless you with tears ...*

*to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war,  
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them  
and to turn their pain into joy.*

**All:** *And may God bless you with enough Holy foolishness ...*

*to believe that you can make a difference in this world,  
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done! Amen!*

## Postlude

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## New Milford United Methodist Church

I MET THOSE WHO HAD VOTES IN THE ENSUING ELECTION AND ADVISED THEM:

1. TO VOTE,  
WITHOUT FEE  
OR REWARD,  
FOR THE PERSON  
THEY JUDGED MOST WORTHY.

2. TO SPEAK NO EVIL OF THE PERSON THEY VOTED AGAINST,

3. TO TAKE CARE THAT THEIR SPIRITS  
WERE NOT SHARPENED AGAINST  
THOSE THAT VOTED ON THE OTHER SIDE.

~ JOHN WESLEY, METHODIST FOUNDER

Sunday Worship Celebration

November 06, 2016 @ 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.*



\* **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.  
**listening assistance devices** are available at the entry of the sanctuary

### ENTRANCE & PRAISE

**Prelude** musical selection by Tim Smith

**Welcome & News**

**Prayer of Invocation**

† **Opening Hymn #103** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" [v.v. 1, 2] ST. DENIO

† **Call to Worship** Pete DelMastro

Our world is overwhelmed with suffering and despair;

**Loving God, focus our minds and hearts on Your Spirit of Compassion.**

Our world is filled with violence and hatred:

**Loving God, focus our hearts and minds on Your Spirit of Peace!**

Our world is one of rife with greed and exploitation:

**Loving God, focus our hearts and minds on Your Spirit of Justice!**

Lord, as we gather together this day,

we proclaim Your power and love as the center of our being.

**And in worship and praise, we embrace Your vision of Peace-Shalom,  
 for us and for all Creation!**

### THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Catie Karp for the Sacrament of Baptism by Courtney & Ari Karp, Desirae & Brian Kelley

**Anthem** "For the Beauty of the Earth" Chancel Choir  
 [words by Folliot S. Pierpont and music by Craig Curry]

**Hymn of Praise #103** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" [v.v. 3, 4] ST. DENIO

### PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

**Prayer for Illumination** James 1:5 (CEB) Pete DelMastro

**But anyone who needs wisdom should ask God, whose very nature is to give to everyone without a second thought, without keeping score.  
 Wisdom will certainly be given to those who ask.**

† **Bible Reading** "Haggai 1:15b-2:9" Pete DelMastro

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

**Listening for God's Message** Pastor Alex

**Hymn of Response #399** "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

**Invitation to Offering** Ralph Williams III

**Offering of Tithes and Gifts** musical selection by Tim Smith

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

**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.**

**Offertory Prayer**

Generous God, we thank You for the wonderful bounty You've bestowed upon humanity. Your gifts nourish our tired bodies, give comfort to our troubled minds and replenish our weary souls. God of life, whether we're dealing with amounts great or small, we count on You to direct us in earning, saving and giving.

Blessed Savior, accept what we offer back to You, not only as a token of our appreciation for all that we have, but also as a commitment to the ministries of the Church which work to bring economic justice, divine grace and peace to all Your children! Amen!

### HOLY COMMUNION

[Communion is a time when we celebrate and share in the presence of the risen Christ around His Table. This is an open Table and all are invited. **You need not be a member of this Church or any Church; you need not be baptized. You need only desire a closer encounter with God.** John Wesley, the founder of the people called Methodists, believed that it is possible to have a conversion experience during Communion, and so all are welcome at the Lord's Table. We use unfermented juice of the grape at the service of Holy Communion. Gluten-free bread with separate cup is available as is the receiving of Communion at your seat - please speak with an usher.]



**The Great Thanksgiving**

**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.**