

"The Worship Is Ended: The Service Begins..."



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New Milford United Methodist Church



Sunday Worship Celebration

November 10, 2019 @ 9:30am

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Youth Leaders: Kelly O'Rourke, Heather Morin
Lay Leaders: Lois Ciccarella, Courtney Karp, David Kullgren
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 identity, 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.

Large Print Hymnals, Bible, Bulletins, Service Script, pew cushions, and Listening Assistance Devices are available at the entry of the Sanctuary

You're encouraged to check-in at New Milford UMC on Facebook & share our livestream.

ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude musical selection by Tim Smith

Welcome

✝ **Opening Hymn #451** "Good of Grace and God of Glory"

✝ **Call to Worship** [© 2019 enfleshed] Lois Ciccarelli

Our God is the God of the living:

the One who keeps love alive,

the One who holds all that was and is and ever will be,

the One who makes even the dead rise again.

In the presence of God, we feel the closeness of eternity and the breath of our ancestors.

So thin is the veil between us and the heavens.

Let us join in the company of all the saints and every heavenly being in giving thanks to the God of Life.

Prayer of Invocation Pastor Alex

[adapted from "Remembering the Saints" Copyright 2008 Rev. Nathan Decker]

Message on the Chancel Steps "The Next Place" Pastor Alex

[Children are invited to proceed Sunday School, or to remain in worship with us in the Sanctuary]

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Lois Ciccarelli

[adapted from poem by Anna Kamieńska, *Astonishments: Selected Poems of Anna Kamieńska*, edited and translated by Grazyna Drabik and David Curzon (Paraclete Press, 2007)]

Bless this holy reflection oh God

for "It's not from the grand but from the tiny thing that it grows enormous

As if Someone was building Eternity

as a swallow its nest out of clumps of moments."

✝ **Gospel Reading** "Luke 20:27-39" [NRSV] Lois Ciccarelli

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

Listening for God's Message "Eternal Life" Pastor Alex

Hymn of Response #526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" [v. 1]

Memorialization of Gilbert A Akakpo Romans 8:35, 37-39 (NRSV) Robert Dogbo

35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,

or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,

nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,

39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Visual Reflection Psalm 17 [video by The Work of the People, music by Paul Michaels]

Hymn of Response #526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" [v. 2]

Prayers of the People

Hymn of Response #526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" [v. 3]

Invitation to Offering [© 2019 enfleshed]

Offering of Tithes & Gifts Musical Selection by Tim Smith

✝ **Doxology #94**

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 uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication [© 2019 enfleshed]

GOING FORTH

✝ **Closing Hymn #77** "How Great Thou Art" [vv. 1, 2]

Commission & Benediction [adapted from © 2019 enfleshed] Pastor Alex

With hearts renewed by visions of freedom,

and souls nourished by the promises of Love,

let us go together in service to the Liberating Christ,

Lover of all the earth, healer of everything that aches.

In peace, go in the company of God. Amen.

Postlude musical selection by Tim Smith