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*The Service of Worship*  
New Milford United Methodist Church



*Sunday, November 15, 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.*

**\* 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** “Air a la Bourree after Beethoven” by Jules de Sivrai 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 #121** “There's in Wideness In God's Mercy” WELLESLEY

✠ **Call to Worship** [adapted from work by Thom M. Shuman] Mary Prause

Come, let us give thanks to God!

*We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak,  
and hears the prayers of the forgotten.*

Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

*We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those who are hungry  
and alone at this time of year.*

Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

*We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us to love  
not only our family and friends, but all of God's children.*

**Prayer of Invocation** Pastor Alex

מִוֹדָה אֲנִי לְפָנֶיךָ, מֶלֶךְ חַי וְקַיִם,  
שֶׁחֲזַרְתָּ בִּי וְנִשְׁמַתִּי בְּחַמְלָה, רַבָּה אֱמוּנָתְךָ.

*I gratefully thank You, O living and eternal King,  
for You have returned my soul within me, with compassion.  
Abundant is Your Faithfulness.*

**Hymn #102** "Now Thank We All Our God" ST. DENIO

**Prayers of the People & LORD's Prayer**

[prayers of the people are lifted up...]

*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.*

**Anthem** “I Am Loved” by Gaither

## PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

**Prayer for Illumination #459** Mary Prause  
*God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change  
the things I can, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other*

✠ **Gospel Reading** “Colossians 3:1-17” [MSG –The Message] Mary Prause  
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** “Gratitude Campaign - Part III” Pastor Alex

**Testimony of Gratitude** Brian O'Neill

✠ **Hymn of Response #441** "What Does the LORD Require" [v.v. 1, 3] SHARPTHORNE

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offering of Tithes & Gifts** musical selection by Zoe Vandermeer

✠ **Doxology TFWS #2036** “Give Thanks”  
*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son, (2x)  
And now let the weak say “I am strong”; let the poor say,  
“I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.” (2x) Give thanks! (2x)*

**Offertory Prayer**

### GOING FORTH

✠ **Closing Hymn #3010** “Sing of the LORD's Goodness” [v.v. 1, 4] THE LORD'S GOODNESS  
*Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to Him and bless His name.  
Mercy He has shown us, His love is forever, faithful to the end of days.*

[Refrain] *Come then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.*

*Ring out the Lord's glory, praise Him with your music, worship Him and bless His name.*

*Praise Him with your singing, praise Him with the trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp; praise Him with the cymbals,  
praise Him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days. [Refrain]*

**Commission, Benediction & Passing of the Peace**

**Postlude** “Brazilian Rhapsody op. 110” by Niemann Zoe Vandermeer