



**NEW MILFORD
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**





* **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.

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ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome

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 Savior 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 ability, we greet each other as beloved children of God.

Gathering and Welcome

Opening Song

I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light

Invocation

Loving God, we open ourselves to you, trusting that this is how you made us:

you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives. Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Special Music

A King Is Born"

Praise Team, West Hartford UMC

The Gospel Lesson

Luke 1:47-55

Carol

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Message

"Deck the Halls With Joy"

Rev. Dr. Knebel

Closing Song

Blessing

The Rev. Dr. Robert A. Knebel is our guest minister this morning. Dr. Knebel is pastor of the West Hartford United Methodist Church. Previously he served churches in Connecticut and New York. From 2001 until 2008 he was CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County and worked in development for three years.

Recorded music this morning is provided by the music team of the West Hartford United Methodist Church. Suzanne Gates, organist; Gail Harris, piano; Mark, Audrey, Sophia and Olivia Malone vocal.

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Note: Deep gratitude to our volunteers and staff members who make our worship online and in person possible, and to our congregants whose continued efforts help to keep our community safe from Covid19. We lift up gratitude for the collaboration involved in making this worship service happen for the glory of God and the delight of Creation.

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