



**NEW MILFORD  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**



**Third Sunday of Eastertide | 04 . 18 . 2021 | 9:30am**



# All Are 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 ableness, **we greet each other as beloved children of God!**

## WE GATHER TOGETHER

### Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Sophy

### Centering Prayer

We are witnesses,  
to the love God has poured into us.  
We are witnesses of God's love,  
sharing it with each person we meet.  
We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,  
little children like us,  
siblings in God's family.

### Responsive Call to Worship

One: When we are confused  
**Many: Lord, give us peace.**  
One: When we are afraid  
**Many: Lord, give us peace.**  
One: When we are lost in grief  
**Many: Lord, give us peace.**  
**All: O God, meet us in this room**  
**And grant us peace!**

### Hymn of Praise: *Glorious Day*

Performed by CAYA  
of Simbsury UMC

One day when heaven was filled with His praises, one day when sin was as bitter as could be, Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin, dwelt among men, my example is He.

The Word became flesh and the light shined among us, His glory revealed.

**Chorus:** Living, He loved me, dying, He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising, He justified freely forever. One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree. Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, bearing our sins my Redeemer is He.

The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree and took the nails for me. **Chorus.**

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer, one day the stone rolled away from the door. Then He arose over death He had conquered. Now is ascended my Lord evermore.

Death could not hold Him, the grave could not keep Him from rising again. **Chorus.**

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming, one day the skies with His glories will shine.

Wonderful day my beloved one bringing. My Savior Jesus is mine. **Chorus.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Hebrew Bible Lesson: Psalm 4**

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God of my right!  
You gave me room when I was in distress.  
Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.
- 2 How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?  
How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah*
- 3 But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself;  
the Lord hears when I call to him.
- 4 When you are disturbed, do not sin;  
ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*
- 5 Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!  
Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart  
more than when their grain and wine abound.
- 8 I will both lie down and sleep in peace;  
for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

**Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48**

**36** While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." **37** They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. **38** He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? **39** Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." **40** And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. **41** While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" **42** They gave him a piece of broiled fish, **43** and he took it and ate in their presence. **44** Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." **45** Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, **46** and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things.

*Word of God for the People of God. Thanks be to God!*

**Listening for God's Message:** "Have you anything to eat?"

**Pastor Mel**

**Prayers of the People**

**Deacon Deb Clifford**

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**Hymn of Response:** *Spirit Song*

**Performed by CAYA  
of Simsbury UMC**

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love,  
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul.  
O let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit, like a dove,  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

**Chorus:** Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing a song of gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.  
O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain,  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

### Invitation to Offering

Pastor Sophy

In gratitude for these gifts and for God's presence with us, let us bring our offerings.  
Please consider making an offering online <https://bit.ly/NMUMCGive>

### A Choral Lord's Prayer

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*You are invited to sing or pray, aloud or silently, whichever version of the Lord's Prayer is closest to your heart. You may also follow along with the version printed below:*

**Our Father/Mother/Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom 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. Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn:** *Easter People Raise Your Voices*, UMH #304

Mark "Corky" Ballard

Easter people raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices. Heavenly music let it ring!  
Alleluia alleluia! Easter people let us sing

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below  
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia alleluia! On to victory now we go

Every day to us is Easter with its resurrection song.  
Even when life overwhelms us Easter people sing this song:  
Alleluia alleluia! Everlasting Sunday song.

### **WE ARE SENT**

### Benediction

Pastor Mel

Go now as God's chosen witnesses  
to testify that Christ has been raised  
and that we are raised with him.  
Do not look for him among the dead,  
but be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

And may God raise you from all that would entomb you;  
May Christ Jesus call you by name and go ahead of you;  
And may the Holy Spirit empower you for all that is good.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord in the name of Christ. Amen.

**Postlude:** *Shalom*

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**Note:** Deep gratitude to our volunteers and staff members who make our worship online possible, and to our congregants whose continued efforts help to keep our community safe from COVID19. We lift up deep gratitude for the collaboration involved in making this worship service happen for the glory of God and the delight of Creation!