

Notes



The Open Door
Contemporary Worship
11:30 am

...in a religion born in a barn,
an open door goes without saying

song 40
song 18

"open the door"
"come, now is the time to worship"

welcome & announcements

moment of silence

passing the peace

song 53
song 85

"healer, heal me"
"like an avalanche"

old testament lesson ecclesiastes 3:1-13
page 616 in the old testament in the pew bible

gospel lesson john 11:17-44
page 105 in the new testament in the pew bible

the word of God for the people of God.
thanks be to God.

presentation of the offerings

children's message

message "time for every matter" rev. paul a fleck

special offering for one great hour of sharing

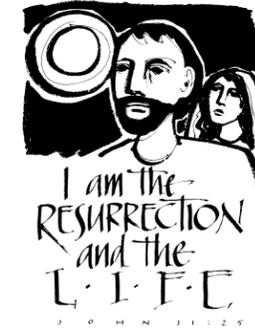
visual prayer "seasons of love"

joys & concerns

song 62 "he's calling out your name"
song 1 "god is great"

sending forth

Fifth
Sunday
in Lent



The Service of Worship
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Fifth Sunday in Lent—One Great Hour of Sharing
"Time for Every Matter"
Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 9:30 am

*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.*

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Prelude

Announcements

Moment of Silence

Processional "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" MORECAMBE
Hymn #500

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus had confidence in life after death. That confidence
can be ours.

**People: The grief felt at Lazarus' death was overcome by the
reassurance of Jesus.**

Leader: He said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

**People: In raising Lazarus, Jesus demonstrated that death is
not beyond the hope found in resurrection.**

Leader: We are strengthened in our faith by the mighty acts of
Jesus.

**People: We are given courage and confidence by the power of
God to overcome our worst fears. Amen.**

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy God,
Author of the Word made flesh,
To whom belongs both the first Word and the last,
Open us to your Spirit,
That as scripture is spoken and your Word is proclaimed,
We may be comforted, convinced, and changed
To the glory of Jesus Christ,
In whose name we pray. Amen.**

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., Apr. 7 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40208 in Fellowship Hall
at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room
Tues., Apr. 8 at 4:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40213 in Fellowship Hall
at 7:00 pm Trustees in Fellowship Hall
Wed., Apr. 9 at 5:30 pm Lenten Supper in Fellowship Hall
at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary
at 6:30 pm Needle Nuts in Conference Room
at 6:45 pm Lenten Book Study in Fellowship Hall
at 7:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall
Thurs., Apr. 10 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn
at 3:30 pm Confirmation Class in Library
at 5:45 pm Bells Practice in Sanctuary
at 6:00 pm Congregational Care Committee in Conf. Room
at 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Ed Board in Conference Room
at 7:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 467 in Fellowship Hall
Fri., Apr. 11 at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall
Sat., Apr. 12 at 5:00 pm Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall
Sun., Apr. 13 at 9:30 am Traditional Service in Sanctuary
at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
at 11:30 am Open Door Worship Service in Sanctuary
at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary
at 2:30 pm Youth Group
at 4:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Fellow. Hall

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

New Milford United Methodist Church
Every Member A Disciple

Ushers—9:30 a.m.—Pete and Nick DelMastro
11:30 a.m.—The Cannito Family

Liturgist: Carol Muska

First Old Testament Lesson

Page 806 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Second Old Testament Lesson

Page 616 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

(Please stand for the Gospel lesson, if you are able.)

Gospel Lesson

Page 105 in the New Testament in your pew Bible.

John 11:17-44

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

The children are invited to come forward and sit at the chancel with the pastor as the congregation sings the first verse of Hymn 191, “Jesus Loves Me.”

Children’s Sermon**Prayer****The Lord’s Prayer****OFFERING****Invitation to Offering****Offertory**

“Seasons of Love”
Amy Lybe and Kimber Malinowski

Please stand for the Doxology

Presentation

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offering Prayer

All Sit.

The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Offering Prayer.

Anthem

“A Time for All Things”
Chancel Choir

Prayer

Healing and Empowering God, we are sometimes so sure that things will not work out, we doubt even your ability to put things right in our lives. We lack such faith. But Jesus came to show us that our most dreaded enemy--death--can be overcome by faith. Heal our doubts and our longings for assurance and give us spirits of trust and hope. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. **Amen.**

Responses

Please stand as you are able for the hymn.

Hymn 393

“Spirit of the Living God”

LIVING GOD

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer**Prayer of Confession**

God, we confess that we are frightened by death. We have experienced the loss of loved ones and have heard, all too often, of the horrible losses sustained by the young people who live in lands of warfare and strife. In this scripture today we encounter Lazarus and his family. They, too, long for Lazarus to be alive again. Jesus’ power to resurrect Lazarus confuses us. We long for that type of healing for our loved ones. And so, when their bodies cannot be healed and they die, we slip away from our faith, proclaiming that it is a nice story. Give us courage to face our fear. Give us awareness that you have offered to all those who have gone before us, a place in your kingdom. Help us move away from the prison of death to the light of eternal life and hope. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance**Passing the Peace****Sermon**

“Time for Every Matter”

Rev. Paul A. Fleck

Special Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing

Please stand, if you are able, to sing the hymn.

Hymn 261

“Lord of the Dance”

LORD OF THE DANCE

SENDING FORTH**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

We are thankful:

- Roxanne Martin is recovering from her back surgery.
- Ellie Middleton’s recovery is going well.

Our prayers are with:

- The DeBoy family as they grieve the loss of Sue.
- Roger Nagle as he prepares for hip replacement surgery on April 7th.
- The LaBella family whose daughter is fighting cancer while pregnant.
- Millie Ackerly’s daughter who begins cancer treatment tomorrow.
- Jan Parson’s sister-in-law, Ellen, who is recovering at home following her surgery.
- Janet Schnitzler’s sister-in-law, Evelyn.
- Denise Reiss’ friend who is suffering from ovarian cancer.
- Traci Poeti’s brother, Rob, who has health issues.
- Bonnie Knapp’s brother, Dick, who underwent a successful operation for lung cancer but is now receiving radiation for a growth on his neck.
- Bonnie Knapp’s friend, Cheryl Ann, who had a heart attack and is in the hospital.
- Marlene Davis’ nephew who is in hospice.

OUR LIFE IN COMMUNITY

Have an announcement for Our Life in Community? If you get it to us by 12 noon on Thursday, we will try to make sure it gets into the bulletin the following Sunday.

Today is “Not Just Eggs” Sunday in Fellowship Hall. It’s a wonderful time to catch up and get to know others that you may not know well, whether it’s a newcomer or someone that goes to a different service. Everyone is invited to attend—eggs, and lots of other goodies, will be served.

Lenten Soup & Study—Please join us on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall as we study spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting, and meditation.

Special Offering Notice

Today there will be a special offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. One Great Hour of Sharing supports the United Methodist Committee Relief (UMCOR) - the UMC’s disaster response agency. Because of your support for UMCOR’s administrative expenses during One Great Hour of Sharing, when disaster strikes, 100% of your offerings go to disaster-affected areas.

Relay for Life—Sign up and pledge sheets for Relay for Life are in the Narthex, please sign up for a time that’s convenient for you. Please help us in our fundraising efforts by donating any loose change in the “Coins for Cancer” jar in Fellowship Hall. During Fellowship Hour stop by the Relay for Life table and purchase handmade knitted hats for only \$8 or a Luminary bag for \$5 to decorate and dedicate to that special loved one. Please contact team Captain, Linda Slater at lslater0256@yahoo.com or 860-354-6180 for further information.

God Sightings come from the desire to share the every day occurrences and small miracles that reveal the nature of God—a luminous smile from a stranger, an answered prayer, a change of heart, an unexpected grace or mercy. God sightings are not religious and do not exclude any who feel that they have brushed up against the unknown, the miraculous, the divine. We all sometimes need to be reminded that God is here within us, whispering, winking, and LOVING. Pass along your story and who knows, you may be the God Sighting that someone needs today. We will now be featuring your God Sightings in our newsletter. If you would like to submit a God Sighting, or a few, please send them to Emily Nixon at opendoor@newmilfordumc.org or call her at (203)947-9876. Please let her know if you would like your God Sighting to be anonymous upon submission.

Sandy Recovery Mission Trip—The devastation left by Super Storm Sandy still exists. On May 3 and 4 we would like to send a team to work on local projects on Saturday, attend a local Church on Sunday, and work a few more hours before heading home. If interested in being included in the May trip, please contact Tracie Nixon, Missions Coordinator for NMUMC at 860-355-8628; tracienix@gmail.com or Steve Kolitz at 203-417-9670 or 860-355-8416 or sbkolitz@sbcglobal.net.

Coupons Wanted! Madelyn and I are trying to do our own form of an extreme couponing trip to benefit Our Daily Bread. If you have any unused coupons at home that you are willing to give to help it would be greatly appreciated. Please put them in the envelope marked COUPON COLLECTION on the table outside the office door. Contact Kimber Malinowski 203-770-7791 with any questions. Many thanks for your support!

Egg Fillers are needed by the Youth Group for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. They will be filling eggs on the afternoon of Sunday, April 13th. Please drop all donations in the marked box in the Narthex.