

## 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

*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.*

### Anthem

“Rejoice This Glorious Day”  
*Chancel Choir*

PETHEL

### Prayer

Living God,  
rejoicing in this day of resurrection, we have come to celebrate the strength of your love—a love that triumphs even over death. As we exult in the miracle of your incarnate love, we thank you for the opportunity to encounter the Risen Christ here in our midst. **Amen.**

## RESPONSES

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

### Hymn #327

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

DIADEMATA

### Morning Prayer

*Joys and Concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.*

### Pastoral Prayer

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we don’t always recognize Christ, even when we are looking directly at your Incarnate Love. We cling to our assumptions about how life on earth should unfold, forgetting that life in your realm shatters those expectations.

**Forgive us when we go through our daily routine,  
forgetting to look for the Risen One.**

**Forgive us when coming to worship is more about seeing our**

**friends than it is about encountering you and our Resurrected Lord.**

Open our eyes and our hearts, O God,  
to the full awareness of your presence with us,  
in each and every moment of our lives.  
We pray in the name of the Christ who is alive!  
**Alleluia and Amen**

### Words of Assurance

### Passing the Peace

I invite you to exchange signs of peace with one another using these traditional words that have been spoken by Easter Christians throughout the centuries: Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### *Please see insert for the Sacrament of Communion*

*The congregation joins in repeating Psalm 19:14*

Let the words of my mouth,  
**and the meditation of my heart,  
be acceptable in your sight, Lord,  
my strength and my redeemer.**

### Sermon

“Resurrection”

Rev. Paul Fleck

*Please stand, if you are able, to sing the hymn, and remain standing for the sending forth.*

### Hymn #310

“He Lives”

ACKLEY

## SENDING FORTH

Christ is with us in this place.  
**Alleluia!**  
Christ goes with us into the world.  
**Alleluia!**  
Go now in peace. Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### Postlude

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

*our prayers are with:*

- Matt and Dee Yukon’s family who both recently passed away and leave 2 surviving young children.
- George Perry, who is in hospice.
- Student of Jen Burns’ whose father passed away a few weeks ago and whose mom is in hospice.
- Roberta Buddle’s niece, Wendy, who is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer.
- Diane Jones, a relative Linda and Alex Slater, who had a large tumor removed from her bladder and will be undergoing chemotherapy.
- Rob, Traci Poeti’s brother, who has a muscular disorder.
- Alexis, Chris Martirano’s niece, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Chris Martirano’s father-in-law and mother-in-law, who are experiencing health issues.

- Bonnie Knapp’s sister-in-law, Linda, who is experiencing kidney problems.
- Terri Hudak’s cousin, Julie Spence in Virginia, who is battling cancer.
- Terri Hudak’s aunt in California who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.
- Jeanne Johnson, friend of Laurel Partrick, who has been diagnosed with liver cancer.
- Steve Bowers, who is now on dialysis and has been added to the transplant list.
- Laurel Partrick’s cousin, Cynthia, is facing her third recurrence of cancer.
- Emily Nixon’s cousin, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Marlene Davis’ son, who is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Kay Jones’ niece, Sherri, whose cancer has returned.
- Sue Sterling’s cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer.

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### *Our Life in Community*

**Easter Egg Hunt** for all children today between services, beginning at 10:45 a.m.

**Flowers for Jesus**—Don’t forget to place your “Flowers for Jesus” in the wooden cross on the church lawn today.

**Quarterly Giving Statements**—Please take your quarterly giving statement from the box on table in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at office@newmilfordumc.org or 860-354-4596.

**Wise and Wonderful Lunch**—All seniors are invited to attend the annual “Wise and Wonderful Luncheon” to be held Sunday, April 19th at 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity for seniors to get together for food, fun, and fellowship. If you need a ride or to RSVP, please contact the church office at 860-354-4596 ext. 10 or by email at office@newmilfordumc.org. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Bonnie Knapp at 860-355-0559.

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### **MEETINGS & OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK**

*Today*

*at 8:30 am Not Just Eggs in Fellowship Hall  
at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary  
between services Easter Egg Hunt for children  
at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship Service*

*Mon., Apr. 6*

*at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall  
at 4:00 pm Daisy Troop 40215 in Fellowship Hall  
at 6:00 pm Open Door Band Practice in Sanctuary  
at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in the Conference Room*

*Tues., Apr. 7*

*at 7:00 pm Choir Practice in Sanctuary  
at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Fellowship Hall  
at 2:00 pm Something for Seniors in Fellowship Hall  
at 5:30 pm Evangelism in the Library/Narthex*

*Wed., Apr. 8*

*at 7:00 pm Missions in the Conference Room  
at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall  
at 3:00 pm Our Daily Bread in the Food Barn  
at 3:30 pm Confirmation Class*

*Thur., Apr. 9*

*at 5:45 pm Bells rehearsal  
at 7:00 pm Ed Center Board in Fellowship Hall  
at 6:00 pm Girl Scout Troop 40236 in Fellowship Hall  
at 5:00 pm Spaghetti Supper in Fellowship Hall*

*Sat., Apr. 11*

*Blood Pressure Checks by Parish Nurses  
at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary*

*Sun., Apr. 12*

*at 10:00 am Children’s Sunday School  
at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School  
at 11:30 am Contemporary Open Door Worship in Sanctuary*

*The flowers decorating our sanctuary this Easter were given to the glory of God by the following...*

*Marcia Cairns in loving memory of Donald Cairns*

*The Cannito Family in loving memory of Bonnie Cannito*

*Art Carlson in loving memory of Axel and Lillian Carlson and Fay Carlson*

*Charles Chapin in loving memory of his parents*

*Marlene Davis in memory of loved ones*

*Marlene Davis in honor of loved ones*

*Paul Fleck in loving memory of Freida Fleck and Margaret Kommes*

*Don and Lynn Hayes in honor of our loving family*

*Don and Lynn Hayes in memory of our loved ones*

*Terri and Joe Hudak in loving memory of June Hudak*

*Terri and Joe Hudak in honor of Felix Antedomeneco  
(Terri's Dad 94 yrs. young!)*

*Bill and Jody Ihlo in loving memory of Fred and Fran Ihlo*

*Bill and Jody Ihlo in loving memory of Lee and Cornelia Winters*

*Patty and Harold Jacobson in honor of Chloe Ann Jacobson*

*Brinna Kolitz in honor of the Youth Group*

*Glenn & Bonnie Knapp in honor of their children and grandchildren*

*Glenn and Bonnie Knapp in loving memory of their parents*

*Dave Kullgren in loving memory of Jean Kullgren*

*Dave Kullgren in honor of his grandchildren—Aleksey, Travis, Emma, Avery,  
Samantha, Sara, and Cameron*

*The Helen Leary in loving memory of George L. Leary*

*Jean Lord and Family in loving memory of Joe Lord and Loved Ones*

*Cheryl and Bob Masi and family in loving memory of Donald Cairns*

*Heather Morin in loving memory of Sue DeBoy*

*Heather Morin in honor of Dad, Anthony, and Elizabeth*

*The Nixon Family in memory of loved ones*

*Robert and Susan O'Rourke in loving memory of their parents*

*Jan & Gene Parsons in loving memory of their parents*

*Laurel Partrick in loving memory of her parents Ken and Winnie Andrus*

*Bonnie and Steve Pfann and family in loving memory of Donald Cairns*

*Philipps Family in memory of Mildred A. Philipps*

*Adam Podraza in loving memory of Denise K. Podraza*

*Adam Podraza in loving memory of Stanislaw and Wladyslaw Podraza*

*Chris and Mary Prause in memory of loved ones*

*Jared, Leo, Emerson, and McKenna Riedl in loving memory of Hayden Leo Riedl*

*Janet Schnitzler in loving memory of Andy Schnitzler*

*Lynn & Terry Singleton in honor of the Thomas Family*

*Lynn & Terry Singleton in honor of Diane Singleton*

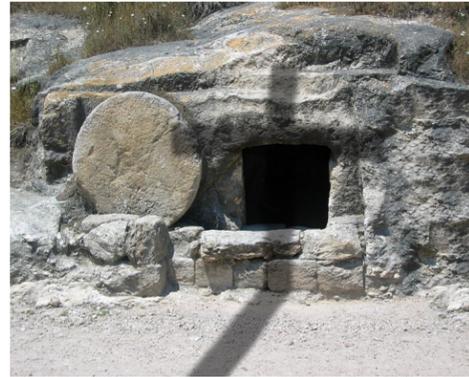
*Alex Slater in loving memory of Father, Walter Slater; Grandfather, Fred Brenchley;  
Uncle/Godfather, Gary Brenchley*

*Linda Slater in loving memory of husband, Walter Slater; Father, Fred Brenchley;  
Brother, Gary Brenchley,*

*Lu Vivona in loving memory of Ben Vivona*

*Ed Whaley in loving memory of Dorothy O. Whaley*

*Ed Whaley in honor of his family*



## The Open Door Contemporary Worship

11:30 am

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



The Service of Worship  
New Milford United Methodist Church  
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Rev. Paul A. Fleck, Pastor  
Sandy Lybe, Music Minister  
Brinna Kolitz, Youth Leader  
Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2015 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.  
We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came.  
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

**Introit** "Good Christians All, Rejoice" PAGE  
*Chancel Choir*  
*Maddie Malinowski, Trumpet*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Women, why are you weeping?

**Women: They have taken away the Lord.**

Leader: Men, why are you weeping?

**Men: They have taken away the Lord.**

Leader: Christ has not been taken away!

Christ is risen! Christ is alive,  
here in our midst!

**Everyone: We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!**

*Please rise for the processional hymn.*

**Processional Hymn #302** "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

### Prayer for Illumination

**O God of Easter joy, we come this morning  
with glad shouts of acclamation. Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen, indeed. May this time of worship  
help us to truly and fully experience this Risen  
Christ. May we be transformed.  
Transformed by your Word of beauty, hope and life.  
Amen.**

*Please stand for Gospel lesson, if you are able.*

**Gospel Lesson** John 20:1-18

*Page 114 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.*

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

song "arise"  
song "you are good"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song "because he lives"  
song "break every chain"

gospel lesson john 20:1-18  
page 114 in the new testament of your pew bible

the word of God for the people of God.  
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presentation of the offerings

children's message

communion hymn "how can it be?"

sacrament of communion

message "resurrection" rev. paul fleck

anthem "don't stop believing"

joys and concerns

song "everybody praise the lord"  
song "amen"

sending forth

