

and Concerns or if you have an announcement for the weekly bulletin. Please email them to office@newmilfordumc.org or call 860-354-4596.



**The Open Door
Contemporary Worship
11:30 am**

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

song 12 "shout to the north"
song 47 "we give you glory"

welcome & announcements

passing the peace

song 78 "hosanna"

contemplative moment

song 20 "ocean"

gospel lesson mark 11:1-11
page 47 in the new testament in your pew Bible.
the word of God for the people of God.
thanks be to God.

presentation of the offerings

children's message

proclamation of the passion mark 14:1-15:47

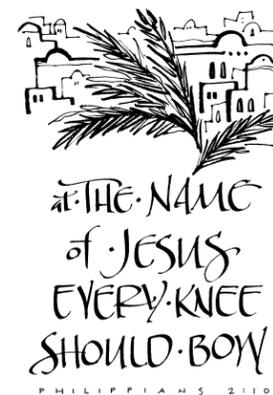
joys & concerns

song 52 "you shine"
song 9 "victory chant"

sending forth

NEW MILFORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
"Every Member a Disciple"

Ushers— 9:30 a.m. Heather Morin and Jean Lord
11:30 a.m. Roxanne Martin
Liturgist: Sue Sterling



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

Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 29, 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. 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

Processional "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" ELLACOMBE
Hymn #278

Call to Worship

Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Prayer for Illumination

God our redeemer, you sent your Son to be born of a woman and to die for us on a cross; by your Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your Word so, as the Scripture is read and proclaimed this day, we may be reconciled and won wholly to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Lesson Mark 11:1-11
Page 47 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

All Sit.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

TODAY at 9:30 am Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship in Sanctuary
at 1:30 pm Missions in Fellowship Hall
at 2:30 pm Youth Group in Classroom
Mon., Mar. 30 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 Fellowship Hall
Wed., Apr. 1 at 7:00 pm Lenten Book Study in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 31 in Fellowship Hall
Thurs., Apr. 2 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food
at 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service in Sanctuary
Fri., Apr. 3 at 12:00 pm Good Friday Service on the NM Green
at 5:30 pm Girl Scouts in Fellowship Hall
Sat., Apr. 4 at 1:00 pm Pack 467 Lego Event
Sun., Apr. 5 at 6:45 am Sunrise Service, Chapel in the Pines
at 8:30 am "Not Just Eggs" in Fellowship Hall
at 9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
at 10:00 am Children's Sunday School
at 10:30 am Adult Sunday School
at 10:45 am Easter Egg Hunt
at 11:30 am Contemporary Worship Service

AA meetings in Fellowship Hall
Monday - Friday at noon and Saturday at 9:30 p.m.

To view the most recent calendar, visit our website—
www.newmilfordumc.org/calendar.html

OFFERING

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “This is My Song” 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.

Anthem “Hosanna!” SNOWDON
The children are invited to go out to Sunday School after the Anthem.

Prayer

We stand together, mighty God, for you have sustained us through weary days and anguished nights. We join the shouts of welcome, “Blessed is the one who comes in God’s name. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.” This is a day of celebration. There is joy in the air. We have witnessed the transforming power of Jesus’ compassion. But there are ominous overtones. There are voices that say peace is a mirage and love will not endure. We cling to our faith that your steadfast love embraces life and death, that we are surrounded and upheld by your goodness. Meet us here, we pray. In obedient trust, we enter this holy week, eager to participate in a world transformed by love. **Amen.**

RESPONSES

All stand and sing the hymn and remain standing for the Apostle’s Creed.

Hymn 277 “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” STORIES OF JESUS

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We love parades! We love the excitement, the colors, the noise! Today we celebrate Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. His followers have stripped branches from the trees and wave them in the air. They have thrown their cloaks in the path of the donkey that his steps might be cushioned. And the scene is wonderful. But there is a reality here. The reality is that although we wave our branches and shout "Hosanna!", we have not always behaved as disciples. Too often we have wandered from the path of Christ and stumbled along on our own, believing our way to be superior. We have turned from those who have needed help, because it wasn’t convenient for us to be of help of service. We have done and said things that are not worthy of disciples. Yet, here we stand, in the parade route, waving our branches. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to turn our lives around and truly serve you. Help us to really mean "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord!" And as we are led to the cross, help us to realize the power of God’s love through the gift of Jesus Christ. Make that love a transforming agent in our lives so that, finally, our celebration may truly reflect our faith and joy in Jesus Christ. Let Jesus enter our hearts and transform our lives today, for we ask this in his holy name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

During Passing of the Peace we ask, during cold and flu season, that you greet your neighbor verbally.

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.**

Proclamation of the Passion

Mark 14:1-15:47

Hymn 299 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ROCKINGHAM

SENDING FORTH

JOYS AND CONCERNS

our prayers are with:

- Student of Jen Burns’ who’s father passed away a few weeks ago and who’s mom is in hospice.
- Diane Todd, who’s husband passed away.
- Roberta Buddle’s niece, Wendy (Cindy’s sister), 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.
- Michael Dion, who is in the hospital.
- Alexis, Chris Martirano’s niece, who is going through chemotherapy.
- Chris Martirano’s father-in-law, who is having open heart surgery.

- 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.
- Anne Meehan’s nephew, Scott, whose brain tumor was found to be malignant, but treatable.
- 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.

Our Life in Community

For more information about any item listed below, please contact the Church Office at 860-354-4596 or office@newmilfordumc.org

Fellowship Hour—Please join us between services for Fellowship Hour in Fellowship Hall. All are invited!

Today the Youth Group will be filling plastic eggs for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Donations are still be accepted in the marked box in the Narthnax.

Also today, the missions committee will be assembling UMCOR Health Kits at 1:30 in Fellowship Hall. Donations are still being accepted and may be placed in the box in the Library. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Tracie Nixon at 860-355-8628 or by email at tracienix@gmail.com.

Lenten Study Book: This will be the last week for both our *Renegade Gospel* book studies in both the adult Sunday School class at 10:30 a.m. and our Wednesday, April 1st, book study at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We welcome you to join either or both.

Easter Season Services - Mark your calendar for remaining services throughout the Easter season. **Maundy Thursday** services will be held Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m.; **Good Friday** services will be held on the New Milford Green at 12:00 noon on Friday, April 3rd; and **Easter Sunday** Services will include a 6:45 a.m. sunrise service at the Chapel in the Pines followed by a continental breakfast at “Not Just Eggs” until 11:30 a.m. Traditional 9:30 a.m. service, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and then our contemporary service at 11:30 a.m. We hope you can join us.

Flowers for Jesus—Don’t forget to bring your “Flowers for Jesus” next Sunday, Easter Morning, April 5th to be placed in the wooden cross on the church lawn.

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.

Updates - Please let the Church office know if there are any updates to our Joys