

New Milford United Methodist Church

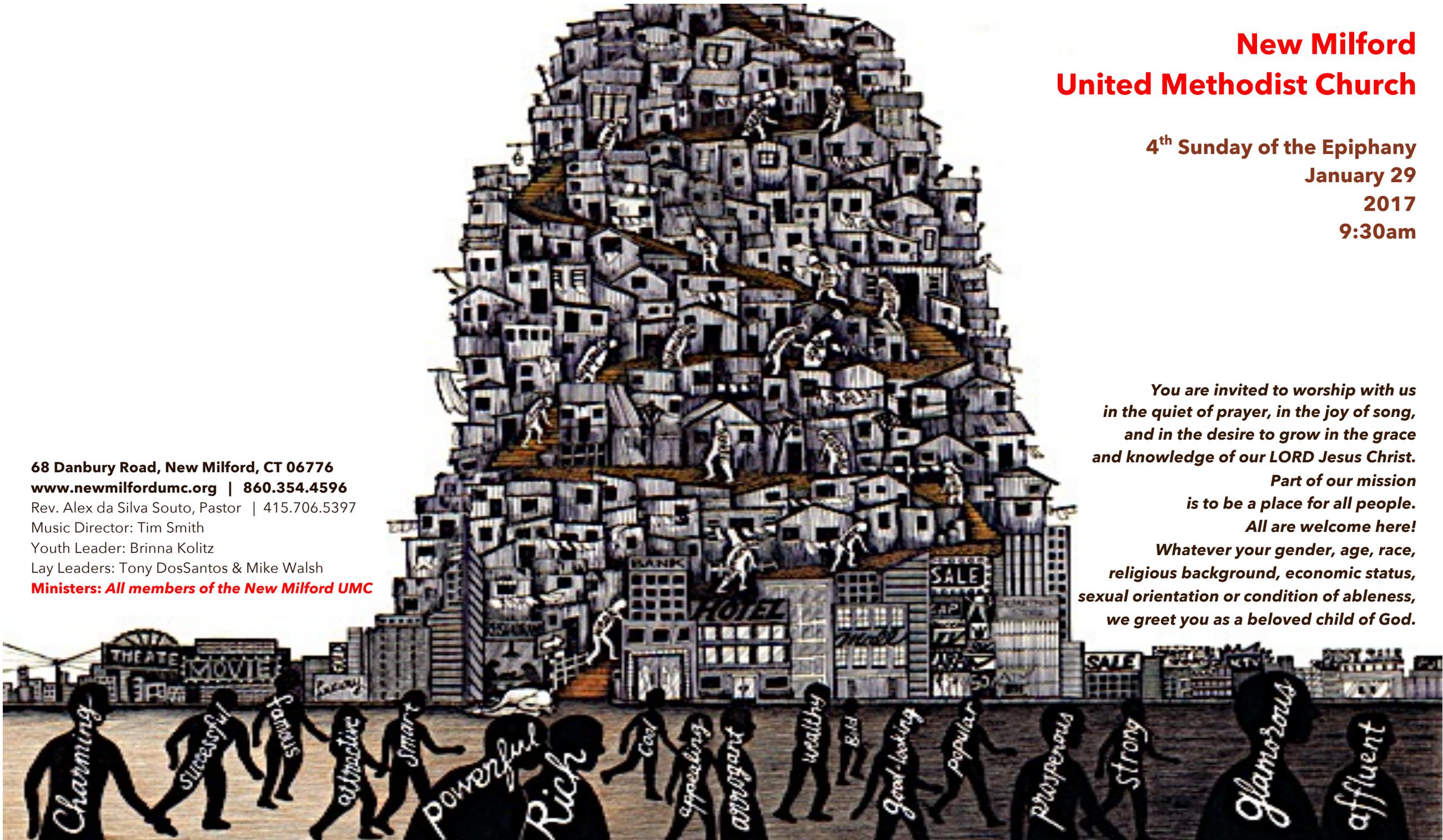
4th Sunday of the Epiphany
January 29
2017
9:30am

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Rev. Alex da Silva Souto, Pastor | 415.706.5397
Music Director: Tim Smith
Youth Leader: Brinna Kolitz
Lay Leaders: Tony DosSantos & Mike Walsh
Ministers: All members of the New Milford UMC

*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.*



***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.

Listening Assistance Devices & LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available at the narthex



ENTRANCE & PRAISE

Prelude: musical selection by Tim Smith

Welcome & News

† **Opening Hymn #333** "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" [v.v. 1-3]

† **Call to Worship:** Tony DosSantos

[based on Micah 6, Matthew 5, Corinthians 1 by Joanne Carlson Brown at ministrymatters.com]

Come and hear the good news.

No matter what is happening in your life, God's blessing and love is with you.

Come and hear what God wants you to do: live lives of justice and love and truth.

Come and get courage and strength to be fools for Christ,
embracing Kingdom values rather than those of the world.

***We're here, ready to listen, open to change,
expecting to be blessed by our time together.***

Prayer of Invocation [adapted from prayers by sacredise.com and churchofscotland.org.uk]

Children's Message: "Follow the Instructions"

[adapted from concept by onthechancelsteps.wordpress.com]

[children are invited to proceed to Sunday School room for the Deep Blue lesson:
"Jesus, God's Son, Change the Water- John 2:1-12"]

Prayers of the People "Love and Fear" by Michael Leunig

[Prayers of the People, concluding with...]

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

Hymn of Praise #584 "LORD, You Give the Great Commission" [v.v. 1, 2]

Anthem: "LORD, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake" by R. Farrant Chancel Choir

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: Tony DosSantos

[“The Simple Logic of Light” by John van de Laar posted at Sacredise.com]

How we long to understand, O God, the simple logic of Light;

***The power of a single glow to dispel darkness; the capacity of a single spark to
create warmth; the immense energy in a single drop of sunlight.***

It's a simple logic, this message you speak:

the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it;

We praise you for the light, and for it's simple resistance to darkness;

We praise you for the radiance that never ceases to stream into us and our world,

And we praise You for the kindling that You have placed within us that waits patiently
and quietly for us to allow a single ember into our hearts
so that we might be set ablaze with You. Amen.

Gospel Reading: "Matthew 5:1-12" [NRSV] Tony DosSantos

Listening for God's Message: "How Do We Follow" Pastor Alex

† **Hymn of Response #430** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

Offering of Tithes and Gifts: musical selection by Tim Smith

† **Doxology #94** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia!

Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory Prayer [based on Micah 6, Matthew 5 by Joanne Carlson Brown at ministrymatters.com]

GOING FORTH

† **Closing Hymn #533** "We Shall Overcome"

† **Commission, Benediction and Passing of the Peace**

[adapted from liturgy based on Micah 6, Ps 15, Mt 5 by Joanne Carlson Brown at ministrymatters.com]

Those who live lives pleasing to God shall not be moved.

Go now to embrace the kingdom values—values of love, justice, and truth.

Go now with God's blessing, to live those values through the power
of our challenging, faithful, loving, empowering God.

We go in peace to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. Amen.