

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

(\* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “I Call To Thee, Lord Jesus Christ” J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*(Please keep our focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere.)*

TEACHING A NEW HYMN “I Know the Lord’s Laid His Hands on Me” rear cover

INTROIT “Saranam, Saranam”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 71:1-3a, adapted

L: In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.

P: *In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.*

ALL: **BE TO US A ROCK OF REFUGE, A STRONG FORTRESS TO SAVE US.**

\*HYMN #578 “God of Love and God of Power” Unser Herrscher

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated*) The Book of Worship, 1965, alt.

*O God of all the nations, you revealed your love by sending your only Son into the world that all might live through him. Pour your Spirit on your Church, that it may fulfill his command to preach the gospel everywhere; send forth laborers into your harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; give them grace to bear faithful witness to you; endue them with zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*) Hymnal #535

*Like an ant on a stick both ends of which are burning, I go to and fro without knowing what to do, and in great despair. Like the inescapable shadow that follows me, the dead weight of sin haunts me. Graciously look upon me. Thy love is my refuge. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Jeremiah 1:4-10 Bible p.685

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

ESPECIALLY FOR THE CHILDREN

\*THE GOSPEL Luke 4:21-30 Bible p.936

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

\*HYMN #2139 “I Know the Lord’s Laid His Hands on Me” rear cover

THE SERMON “Children Should be Seen as Well as Heard” Dr. Bodt

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: **Hear our prayer.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

\*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: **And also with you.**

*(Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.)*

STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT Eileen Doyle

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Jesus Loves Me” Bock/Debussy

Presentation: “Bless Thou the Gifts” Hymnal #587

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #585 “This Little Light of Mine” Lattimer

*(Let the ushers retire and the anointers come forward.)*

A RITUAL OF PRAYER AND HEALING ANOINTING

*On the last Sunday of each month all are invited to come forward to receive prayer and optional healing anointing for oneself or on behalf of another. Please come by the center aisle and return by the side aisles as we sing, as needed, hymns 468, 463, 632, and 643. Stand or kneel (as able) at the Communion rail and speak name and need to the anointer. This ancient Church practice expresses God’s love as a mysterious, caring expression of Christ’s promise “I will be with you always.” Please remain in prayer until all have returned to their seats.*

\*HYMN #444 “O Young and Fearless Prophet” Blairgowrie

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #666

**“Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.**

**In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom.”**

\*THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

\*POSTLUDE “Rise, O Children of Salvation” T. Bliss

*(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated.)*

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**

# Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me 2139

*Refrain*  
*All*  $\text{♩}$

Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,

I know the Lord's laid his hands on me. Oh, hands on me.

*Leader*

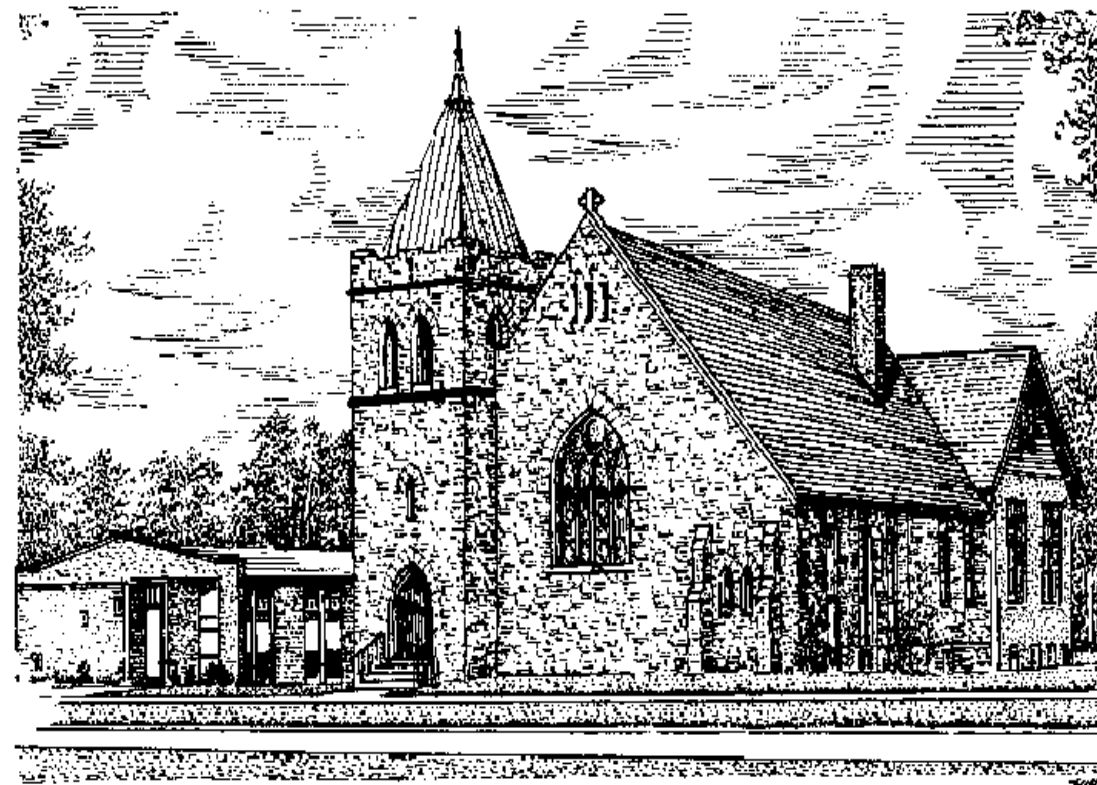
1. Did ev - er you see the like be - fore?  
King Je - sus preach - ing to the poor!
2. Oh, was - n't that a hap - py day  
when Je - sus washed my sins a - way!
3. — Some seek the Lord and don't seek him right;  
they fool all day and pray at night,
4. — My Lord's done just what he said;  
he's healed the sick and raised the dead;

*All*  $\text{♩}$  1 2 *D.S.*

I know the Lord's laid his hands on me; hands on me. Oh,

WORDS: African American spiritual  
MUSIC: African American spiritual

I KNOW  
Irregular with Refrain



## Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

*First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836*

*Current building dedicated: 1893*

*Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969*

*Whoever you are, wherever you are  
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.*

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

January 31, 2016

~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~

Sunday, January 31

**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall

11:30 a.m. Visitation Ministry Meeting – Wesley Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Monday, February 1

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel

Tuesday, February 2

5:45 p.m. Confirmation Class – Egan Room, Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Gay-Straight Alliance meeting – Gunn Library – Wesley Center

Wednesday, February 3

5:30 p.m. Praisemakers Choir rehearsal – Dodd Hall

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee – Gunn Library – Wesley Center

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir/7:45 p.m. Adult Choir rehearsals – Dodd Hall

Thursday, February 4

6:00 p.m. Pastors-Lay Leaders meeting – Wesley Center

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting – Wesley Center

Friday, February 5

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers – Gunn Library

Saturday, February 6

6:45 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Methodist Youth Fellowship Ski Trip to Butternut Ski Area, Great Barrington, Massachusetts

9-11:45 a.m. District Resource Day, Woodbury UMC

9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. District United Methodist Women Winter Gathering, First UMC, 188 Rocky Rest Road, Shelton

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Sunday, February 7

**TRANSFIGURATION /BOY SCOUT SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School - Wesley Center

10:00 a.m. Worship – Holy Communion - Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time – Dodd Hall

11:30 a.m. Souper Bowl Sunday Luncheon sponsored by the Men's Club- Everyone is welcome

Monday, February 8

7:00 p.m. Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel

Tuesday, February 9

12:00 p.m. United Methodist Women meeting – Wesley Center

5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Dodd Hall – everyone is welcome (Confirmation Class attends supper with mentors)

Wednesday, February 10

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

7:00a.m. Holy Communion with imposition of ashes - Sanctuary

Noon Taize worship with Holy Communion and imposition of ashes – Sanctuary

7:30 p.m. Holy Communion with imposition of ashes and Adult Choir – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 11

6:30 p.m. Missions Meeting – Gunn Library

7:00 p.m. Staff Parish Relations Committee meeting – Egan Room

7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry- Wesley Center 1<sup>st</sup> floor

Friday, February 12

10:00 a.m. Office Volunteers

Saturday, February 13

5:30 p.m. Valentine's Day Dinner Dance-Dodd Hall – R.S.V.P. Jim Repetsky 203-530-4557

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Music Director

Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

**Grace Notes**

**January 31, 2016**

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*“Children should be seen and not heard” is an old adage. It has given way to different approaches to child-rearing with varying degrees of success.*

*Jeremiah was young when God’s call came to him as recorded in Jeremiah 1:6. The Hebrew word “na’ar” can describe a person from infancy to adolescence. The King James and Common English Bible translations both describe Jeremiah’s protest to God’s call on his life with “I am (only) a child.” Our pew Bible, New Revised Standard, records his protest as “I am only a boy.” Perhaps the Latin Vulgate captures a lament we can all identify with at any age when we don’t want to do something: “I am too young.”*

*God’s reply is clear. “Don’t say that!” God has plans for Jeremiah not determined by chronological years. In similar fashion, Jesus began his public ministry at age 30: a young man. Dr. King was 26 when he led the Birmingham bus boycott. Stories of youth responding to the call to lead abound.*

*In what ways are we encouraging our youth to thrive? In what ways are we opening our ears and our hearts to the voices and messages of young people?*

*Sincerely yours in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian Bodt*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Dennis Darak

**Greeters** – Pat Jaser and Carol Galloway

**Liturgist** – Paul Downing

**Cross Bearer** – Sarah O'Brien

**Acolytes** – Sean and Olivia Kingston

**Bible Bearer** – Natalie Rendon

**Intercessor** – Pastor Hal Vink

**Healing Anointers** – Barbara Ann Griggs, Bob Lawrence, Laura Perregaux and Mark Platt.

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Rev. Bodt and Paul Downing.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in memory of Robin Sattler's first year in Heaven, given by her Mom and Dad.

**TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP**, see our ushers for:

- Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins
- Hearing Assist Devices
- Children's bulletins for ages 3 – 6 and 7 – 12

**CHILD CARE** for children 5 and under is provided in Wesley Center, the building next door. You may also hear the service in Dodd hall should your child become restless. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary; the child care in Wesley Center is not staffed to provide for older children. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that children leaving the sanctuary must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

**PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS** using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. Ushers collect them on the opening hymn and our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.

**TODAY'S LITURGY** is taken from Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The Book of Worship (1965), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000)

**WELCOME VISITORS!** May you experience God's presence today. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the rear of the church.

**SERMON COPIES** from previous Sundays are in the rear of the church or at [www.mtm-umc.org](http://www.mtm-umc.org).

**TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS**, contact Beth O'Brien at 203.877.8668 or [bgobrien11@optonline.net](mailto:bgobrien11@optonline.net). Flowers are \$20. A donation in lieu of flowers to support missions is honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for either are payable to MTMUMC and mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460.

## LENTEN STUDY, 2016

Our 2016 Lenten study will be John: The Gospel of Light and Life written by Adam Hamilton. The six week study, taught by Pastors Brian Bodt and Hal Vink, will follow our typical Tuesday evening/Wednesday morning format. Students will attend one session or the other but be able to "switch" sessions if schedule conflicts arise. The dates and times of the classes are:

**Tuesdays, 7 – 8:30 p.m., February 16 and 23 and March 1, 8, 15 and 22.**

**Wednesdays, 10 – 11:30 a.m., February 17 and 24 and March 2, 9, 16 and 23.**

**Please register no later than Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> with:**

- Pastor Hal: [vinkhaljane@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com) or 203.878.8977
- Pastor Brian: [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com) or 203.874.1982, ext. 11
- Mary Lou Kampert: [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982, ext. 10

Quoting from the study description: *"The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four Gospels. This writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the Gospel is that readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name." (John 20:31) "You'll follow the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus...and understand the context of some of the best-known verses in the New Testament."*

Typical of studies by Rev. Hamilton, a video component is part of the curriculum.

The Rev. Adam Hamilton is Senior Pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the leading congregations of the United Methodist Church; and author of many studies.

## ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** follows worship in Dodd Hall (behind the sanctuary) hosted today by the Education Committee and next Sunday by Mark and Joanne Platt.

**VISITATION MINISTRY** will meet today at 11:30a.m.

**CT DISTRICT RESOURCING DAY** (*see flier*) is from 2 – 4:45 p.m. at Westport UMC, 49 Weston Road, Westport. Pastor Brian has a few spaces in his car if you'd like to attend.

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR MEETING LOCATIONS AND SCHEDULE.**

### THIS WEEK

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6:**

*Methodist Youth Fellowship Ski Trip* to Butternut. See enclosed flier.

*Connecticut District United Methodist Women Winter gathering*, 8:30 a.m. Registration, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. program, First United Methodist Church of Shelton, 188 Rocky Rest Road, Shelton. Cost: \$8.50. Please register with Joan Zauner.

*CT District Resourcing Days*, 9 – 11:45 a.m., Woodbury UMC, 4 Church Street, Woodbury. See enclosed flier.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY** - We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The message "Your God is Too Small" will be based on Psalm 99; Exodus 34:29-35 and Luke 9:28-43a. Both Bell and Adult Choirs will offer music and we will recognize Boy Scouts. We will receive a special offering for the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Please bring canned or boxed food donations in addition to any check or cash gift you may wish to make. After worship our Men's Club will host their annual "Souper Bowl" luncheon.

#### **VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR January 24th:**

Total worship attendance all services: 76; January 24th: 55; January 25<sup>th</sup>: 16; Thursday Taize: 5; Total Offerings (minus "Lift Us Up) for January 24th: \$2,820.50; "Lift Us Up" Capital Campaign gifts \$215.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolences: \$3,830.79; Engaged in Small Groups: 77 (Office Volunteers: 9; Sunday School cancelled; Bible Study Tues: 6; Wed: 11; Confirmation class: 9; UMW: 18; Praisemaker's: 0; Bell Choir: 10; Adult Choir: 14;). Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0.) \*Small Groups – please contact the church office [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AND MINISTRY INVITATIONS

**NEW USHERS WELCOMED!** Like people? Like church? Like to be helpful? Ushers, along with greeters, welcome our worshippers, distribute bulletins, receive the offering and provide direction to receive Holy Communion. They are scheduled on a periodic basis. If you are interested in being an usher or learning more about this important ministry, please speak with or contact Dennis Darak at 203.988.3554 or [wingridrs@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wingridrs@sbcglobal.net).

**THE LITERACY CENTER** is looking for volunteer tutors to assist basic literacy and ESL students. No previous teaching experience is required. Tutor training will be held in Milford on February 3, 10, 17, 6-8:00 p.m. and in Stratford on March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 6-8:00 p.m. Call 203-878-4800 to schedule your orientation meeting. For information visit [www.lvsct.org](http://www.lvsct.org).

**MILFORD HOSPITAL** is looking for volunteers with mid to late afternoon or evening availability. Volunteers are needed for the gift shop, information desk, emergency department and walk in center on Post Road. Most positions require a commitment of one 3½ hour shift per week. All prospective volunteers are required to participate in the orientation session on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am – noon at the hospital. For more information or to register for the session, please call 203-876-4062.

### SOCKS FOR SENIORS

Eileen Potkay, L.P.N., our new Parish Health and Wellness Convener, is collecting new and gently used socks (any size and color) for seniors that live in a long-term care center or nursing home. There will be a box in Dodd Hall to leave your donations. To learn more, see Eileen after worship today or contact her at 203.809.0188 or [eileenmary68@aol.com](mailto:eileenmary68@aol.com).

### BETH-EL SHELTER COLLECTION

**Our collection for Beth-El Shelter paper goods, kitchen and other supplies ends today.** Our ongoing commitment supports the shelter work in the City of Milford to provide a safe and warm shelter for those less fortunate. Please help to provide these items. Please note that the underlined items are the most needed.

**Kitchen and Paper Supplies:** Paper towels, hot/cold cups (6oz or 8oz), 8oz bowls, tall kitchen garbage bags (13 gal), paper placemats, paper napkins, food storage bags (gallon, sandwich and snack sizes), plastic wrap, heavy duty aluminum foil, toilet paper, facial tissue and large heavy duty garbage bags (55 gallon).

**Cleaning Supplies:** Anti-bacterial household cleaners such as; Lysol/Pine-Sol & bleach (gallon), kitchen wipes, glass cleaner, dish detergent, dishwasher detergent, scouring pads and sponges.

**Other items:** Hand soap, feminine hygiene products, band aids, gauze, medical tape, Vinyl powder-free gloves (s, m, l, no latex) and hand sanitizer. **Collection box in Dodd Hall.**

## OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

**BULLETIN NOTICES** are due by noon Wednesday for the following Sunday bulletin.

**FOOD BASKET:** Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church and monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

**ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS:** "Wet and dry cat food is needed for seniors with pets. Also wet and dry dog food for the canine facility. Towels and blankets **are** needed. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. Please leave your donations in the designated basket in the back of the Sanctuary. The Youth Fellowship brings these items to Animal Control each week. Bless you for caring for God's children with fur."

**If you and your animals are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.**

**CONTACTING THE PASTORS:** Please inform a pastor or the church office (203.874.1982, [mtmumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mtmumc@sbcglobal.net)) of pastoral care needs and hospitalizations:

**Pastor Brian Bodt** can be reached at [brian.bodt@yahoo.com](mailto:brian.bodt@yahoo.com); 203.874.1982, ext. 11 or 203.895.3753. He is typically in office **10 am – 1 p.m.**, Mon. – Thurs. Appointments scheduled in advance are always the best way to get his full attention.

**Pastor Hal Vink** can be reached at 203.878.8977 or [vinkhaljane@gmail.com](mailto:vinkhaljane@gmail.com).

**Pastor Rachel Duncan** can be reached at 203.874.1982 or [rachel.e.duncan@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.e.duncan@gmail.com).

“**FIX IT BOX**” is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

**WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous AND Gamblers Anonymous WEEKLY.** Please call the church office for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards.

**PLEASE NOTE:** During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER NOTICE:** Pastor Brian will consult with leaders as needed and agree on plans for worship, Sunday School, and other activities. **Weather-related closings will be posted on church voice mail, Yahoo e-mail group, and WTNH (Channel 8).**