

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

168 Broad Street

Milford, Connecticut 06460

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Order of Worship

9:30 a.m.

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

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Break Thou the Bread of Life” arr. by H. DeCou

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

People: ***God is our refuge and strength.***

Leader: Come to the table of the Lord.

People: ***Christ has prepared for us a feast of love.***

\*HYMN #629 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” Gift of Finest Wheat

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(seated, unison)* “Collect for Purity” Hymnal p.6

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES II Samuel 11:26 – 12:13a Bible p.281

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 51:1-17 Hymnal p.785, Resp. #2

\*THE GOSPEL John 6:24-35 Bible p.972

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

\*HYMN #355 “Depth of Mercy” Canterbury

THE SERMON “I Am” Dr. Bodt

INVITATION TO COMMUNION *(by the pastor)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON Hymnal p. 8

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

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

\*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.)*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Solo: “For Everyone Born” Murray/Mann

*Lydia Smith, soloist*

\*Presentation: “All Things Come of Thee” Hymnal #588

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ***Musical Setting B*** Hymnal p. 18-20

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

\*THE COMMUNION

*(The United Methodist Church has an open table, including the use of grape juice and gluten-free bread.*

*All are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

*We will sing hymns #613, 618, 620 and 617, as needed, during the distribution.)*

PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS *(unison)*

***Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord’s table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.***

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

\*HYMN #614 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” For the Bread

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*THE BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hymnal #629, vs. 5 and chorus


***You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity.  
You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.  
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.***

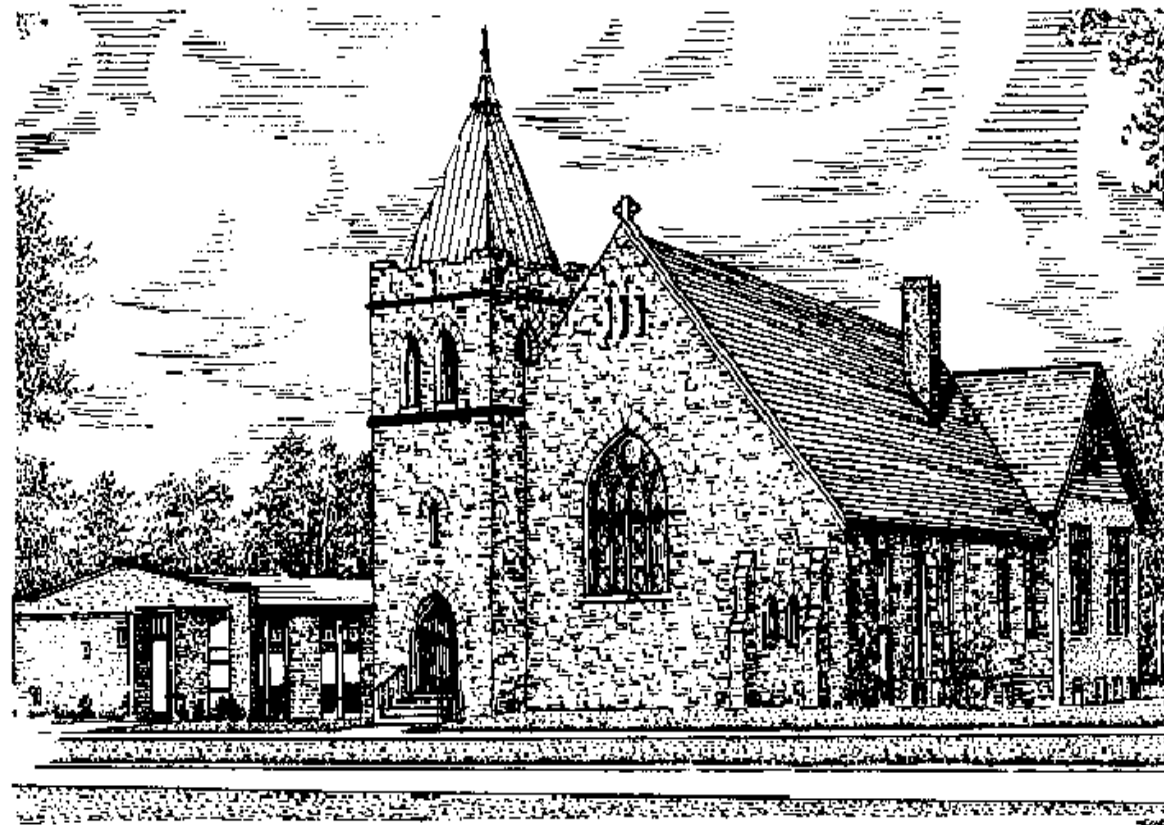
\*THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

\*POSTLUDE “Dialogue” G. Martin

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

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

“I AM  
*the bread of*  
  
LIFE.”



### **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.*

**PENTECOST X**

**August 2, 2015**

**COMING SOON AND “SAVE THE DATES”**

**MILFORD OYSTER FESTIVAL** will be Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Our Men’s Club typically serves food on the church campus and **invites any who wish to assist them** to do so. **Contact Jim Repetsky at 203.874.8688.**

**OUTSIDE TENT WORSHIP** will be Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. If you are new to Mary Taylor Memorial Church you will enjoy this special opportunity to worship outside in the courtyard under the tent!

**OUR SUMMER CHURCH PICNIC** will be Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Rivercrest Farm (and home of Maria and Andy Macri). More to come in the August “Beacon.”

**WESLEY CENTER RIBBON CUTTING** and celebrative will be Saturday, October 3, 4-6 p.m. and a formal litany of dedication at 10 a.m. worship on Sunday, October 4. Watch for details in the September “Beacon.”

**FIRST UMC OF SHELTON** presents **Pennsylvania Dutch Tour** with Biblical Show “JOSEPH” September 29 to October 1, 2015. Flyers are on the table in the rear of the sanctuary if you would like to sign up for this fun trip.

**~Two week calendar at Mary Taylor Memorial~**

<i>Sunday, August 2</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship-Holy Communion - Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Village School Supply Drive through August 9th</i>
<i>Monday, August 3</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Tuesday, August 4</i>	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Stewardship Committee – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Wednesday, August 5</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Building Committee – Gunn Library</i>
<i>Thursday, August 6</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office volunteers-Gunn Library</i>
<i>Friday, August 7</i>		<i>The Church Office is closed – summer hours</i>
	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Summer Hang Out – Rumrunners Pop &amp; Rock concert (7pm) at Fowler Field (behind Milford library)</i>
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<i>Sunday, August 9</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship-- Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Boys &amp; Girls Village School Supply Drive ends today</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School Teacher’s meeting – Sunday School office</i>
<i>Monday, August 10</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Service of Healing and Wholeness – Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday, August 13</i>	<i>10:00a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers</i>
<i>Friday, August 14</i>		<i>The Church Office is closed – summer hours</i>
<i>Saturday, August 15</i>		<i>Beacon Information is Due today</i>
	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Milford Oyster Festival</i>

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Music Director Dr. Richard L. Riccardi

***Grace Notes  
August 2, 2015***

*Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,*

*“I am the bread of life.” (John 6:35) There are eight self-revelatory “I am” sayings of Jesus in the Gospel of John, of which this is the first. They include:*

*I am the bread of life: John 6:35, 48*

*I am the Light of the World: John 8:12 and 9:5*

*Before Abraham was, I am: John 8:58*

*I am the door: John 10:9*

*I am the Good Shepherd: John 10:11*

*I am the Resurrection and the Life: John 11:25*

*I am the way, the truth and the life: John 14:6*

*I am the true vine: John 15:1*

*Perhaps at some point this will be a sermon series. Today I would simply observe that these sayings represent Jesus’ sovereign status and unity with God. When Moses asked what name he should give for God to the Israelites, God responded “I am.” (Exodus 3:13-14) In these sayings Jesus lays bold claim to his divinity. Whatever else we want to say about Jesus, quoting C.S. Lewis in Mere Christianity, “Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse.”*

*Food for thought as we feast on the bread of life today in the Holy Communion.*

*Sincerely in Christ,*

*Pastor Brian*

## AT WORSHIP TODAY

**Head Usher** – Stacey Riccardi

**Greeters** – Betty Collins and Lisa Gloates

**Liturgist** – Priscilla James

**Communion Stewards** – Maryanne Meehan Jordan and Brenda Pineau

**Communion Servers** – Pastor Brian, Rev. Art Yost, Priscilla James and Leigh Bak

**GREETING YOU AFTER WORSHIP** are Pastor Brian and Priscilla James.

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are in celebration of Gianni and Cathy Cono's 23<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary yesterday.

**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) and The United Methodist Book of Worship.

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

## ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION TODAY

**SUMMER PUNCH BOWL** continues through September 6<sup>th</sup>, following worship, in the Courtyard – weather permitting. **Today's hosts** are Disciple 3. **Next Sunday's hosts** are the Cono family. **REMAINING HOST OPENINGS ARE AUGUST 16 and 23 and SEPT. 6. Summer Punch Bowl will not be held on Sundays without a host.** Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the refrigerator in Dodd Hall, or call the church office at 203-874-1982.

**AUGUST "BEACON"** (our monthly newsletter) copies are available in the rear of the church.

**REMINDER: THE BOYS AND GIRLS VILLAGE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE ends next Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.** See the enclosed insert for the supplies needed, and place your donations in the collection box in Dodd Hall, by the back wall near the rear door.

### THIS WEEK

**SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR OUR WEEKLY MEETING SCHEDULE.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We have some members who cannot get to our Sunday Services. We are looking for volunteers who can help out other parishioners by picking them up on the way to church. Please contact Michelle Craig at 203-877-4332 or [michellemtmumc@gmail.com](mailto:michellemtmumc@gmail.com), or Don Hastings at 203-877-4554 [nctmwash@aol.com](mailto:nctmwash@aol.com), if you would like to volunteer.

**FINAL SUMMER HANG OUT:** We've enjoyed some great summer fellowship time at the summer hang outs. One last chance: **Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm** Fowler Field behind Milford library. Bring chairs/picnic basket for Rumrunners Pop & Rock concert at 7 pm. In case of inclement weather, events will be cancelled via a communication on the Yahoo group. For questions, contact Cathy Cono at (203) 645-2362.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MILFORD HOSPITAL.** The Milford Hospital Volunteer Services Department seeks volunteers. Opportunities include patient care areas, early or mid-afternoons at the Information Desk or Gift Shop, or afternoon or evening hours in the Emergency Room or Walk In Center on the Post Road. The hospital desires a weekly minimum commitment of two to three hours. To learn more, please contact the Volunteer Service Department at 203-876-4062 to register for our next Orientation Session which will be offered on **Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm** in Auditorium B.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**PENTECOST XI:** The Rev. Cynthia Dodd, ordained United Methodist clergy and a counselor at Bridges, a Milford-based mental health treatment facility, will preach the message "Who would have thought..." based on Ephesians 4:25-5:2 with Psalm 130 and John 6:35, 41-51. Rev. Dodd is a daughter of our congregation and remains connected to our Healing and Wholeness ministry. Lectionary readings are II Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2 and John 6:35, 41-51.

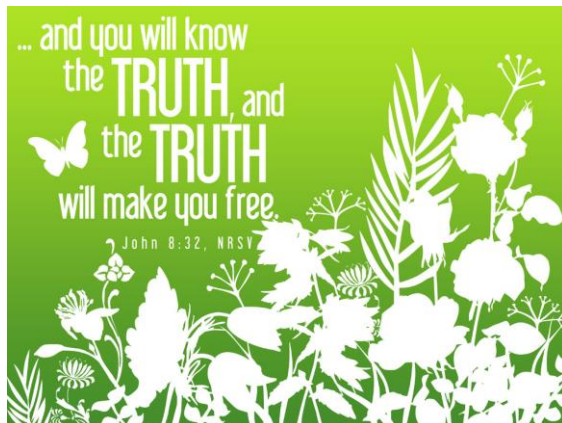
## ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INVITATIONS

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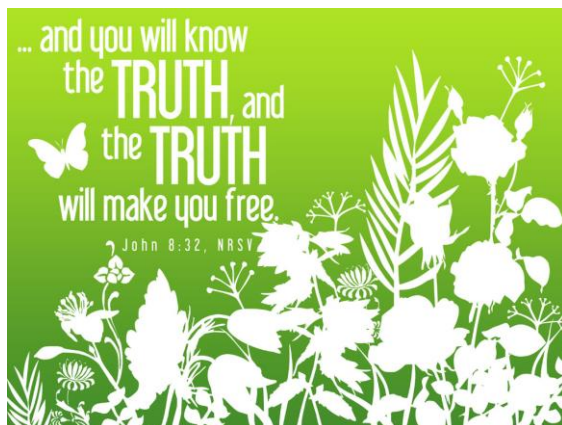
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