

*March Worship Services, 2018*

*Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church, Milford, CT*

*Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m.*

*Each Monday at 7 p.m., Healing and Wholeness worship is offered in the Chapel.*

*Each Wednesday at Noon, Taize worship is offered in the Sanctuary. – [Again in 2018?]*

- March 4**      **THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT/GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY** – We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper using Setting IV. The message “The Temple” will be based on Exodus 20:1-17 and John 2:13-22. We will recognize our girls who are part of the Girl Scout program and our Women’s History Moment will be presented by Pastor Dani Levine.
- March 11**      **THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT/LAETARE/”UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF SUNDAY”** Daylight Savings Time begins: “spring forward” by moving your clocks one hour forward the night before.  
“Having the Conversation” is the message based on Psalm 107 and John 3:14-21.  
Our Mission Moment will be on the April 15 “Mission Fair” by Missions Co-Chair Lorraine Carr. We will receive a special offering for UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. After worship the United Methodist Women will offer a final-until-fall “Second Sunday Soup Sale” and “Trash and Treasures” will have Easter items for sale.
- March 18**      **THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT/”FRIENDS AND FAMILY SUNDAY**  
We encourage everyone to invite friends and family to join us in worship. (See related article.). Informal hymn singing begins at 9:45 a.m. The message, “Changing Mary and Martha” will be based on Psalm 130 and John 11:1-45. Barbara Repetsky and Stacey Cronk will portray the sisters. The Stewardship Spotlight will be by Maria Macri. After worship, blood pressure screenings will be offered in the sanctuary by Karyn Doherty, R.N. and “Trash and Treasures” will again have Easter items for sale.
- March 25**      **PALM/PASSION SUNDAY**  
An Easter egg hunt for the children during the Sunday School hour is followed by their joyful, triumphant Palm Sunday procession according to Mark 11:1-11.  
Other readings may include portions of Mark 11:15-19, Psalm 31:9-16 and Philippians 2:5-11, with the message “If We’d Only Known.” We will receive new members and prayer and healing anointing will be offered at the close of worship. After worship the Caring Ministries Team will meet in the Wesley Center. This will be the final Sunday of Easter items for purchase.

**March 29**

**7:30 p.m.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

A simple setting of the Lord's Supper will feature a play entitled "The Twelve" and special music will be an alto saxophone rendition of "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart." The worship will end with a stripping of the altar in preparation for Good Friday.

**March 30**

**Noon – 1:30 p.m.**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Our fifth annual Community Good Friday service based on the "Seven Last Words" of Christ will be hosted at Trinity Lutheran Church, 21 Robert Treat Parkway, sponsored by the Milford Clergy Association.

**Noon – 3 p.m.**

Our sanctuary will be open during the traditional three hours of Christ's crucifixion with prayer guides and readings available. Pastor Hal Vink will host this time of prayer and meditation.

**7:30 p.m.**

A service of Tenebrae ("shadows") will use a reading of the Passion from John's Gospel (18:1-19:42) and the lighting and extinguishing of candles to consider the mystery of Christ's sacrificial love. Additional readings will be Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25 and Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12. The message will be "What Wondrous Love is This?" Music by the Adult Choir and a harp and vocal duet by Mary Lou Kampert and Barbara Repetsky.

**April 1**

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, EASTER DAY**

*Please remember to bring a flower to place in the wire-mesh cross in front of the church. Watch at the resurrection blooms as morning unfolds!*

**7:00 a.m.**

Dawn service of Resurrection at Gulf Beach, planned and led by the "Growing Up Together Spiritually" (GUTS) youth group.

**7:30 a.m.**

Breakfast by the Men's Club in Dodd Hall. All welcome.

**8:30 a.m.**

Resurrection service of Holy Communion with music by Bell and Adult Choirs. **No Sunday School on Easter Day.** The message will be "Fools for Christ" based on Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corinthians 4:8-13 and John 20:1-18.

**10:00 a.m.**

Resurrection service of Holy Communion with music by Bell and Adult Choirs. The same texts and message will be offered.

*Advance reading of the scriptures is an act of spiritual formation.*