

Jody, John Ir. and Jennifer, their children

# IN HONOR OF THE 65<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF JOHN AND JUDY FARR AND JUDY FARR'S BIRTHDAY

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#### **WELCOME TO WORSHIP!**

Thank you for joining us today. Whether you've worshipped with us before or this is your first time, we want you to know that you are welcome. As Christians we recognize that each of us comes to worship just as we are. God loves us and so we love others, no expectations, no judgment, only acceptance grace, and love.

(Bold italic items to be spoken by congregation.)
We would like to give special thanks to our worship leaders.

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS**

Pastor: Gary Schaeffer

Director of Music: John Warfel

Assistant Director of Music: Nancy Walters

Worship assistant: Karen Fry WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Chuck Stahl and Helen Billhime Communion Asst: Carol Yost and Lynnette Weisner

GATHERING MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREETING
BAPTISMAL SONG: "Come, All You People"

## Come, All You People *Uyaimose*



Text: Alexander Gondo; tr. I-to Loh, b. 1936, alt.

Music: UYAIMOSE, Alexander Gondo

Text and music @ 1986 World Council of Churches and the Asian Institute of Liturgy & Music

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#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water— The West Branch of the Susquehanna Watershed, the rain that nourishes animals and plants, the water for drinking and bathing. We praise you, O God, for water.

#### We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for our water stories—a flood that cleansed the earth, the sea that drowned the enemy, a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

#### We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus—baptized in the Jordan River, calming the Sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well, healing at the pool of Bethesda, washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

### We praise you, O God, for water.

As we gather for worship today, we remember how you connect each of us to another in time and place. In this place, where people have gathered for thousands of years beginning with the Susquehannock tribe, then the first immigrants in what would become Milton, to today where people of all different

backgrounds, traditions, and beliefs gather for worship. You bring us together in remembrance of our baptism. We praise you, O God, for baptism. We praise you, O God, for baptism.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God,

today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and amen. Amen, and amen.

#### **OPENING**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.



Give glory to God, our light, and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

HYMN: ELW 436 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.* 

#### SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 12:32-40

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

#### **SERMON**

HYMN: ELW 502 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

## Let My Prayer Be a Fragrant Offering



Let my prayer be a fra-grant of-fer-ing, as in-cense to you a - rise.



Let my prayer be a fra-grant of - fer-ing, my hands lift-ed up in praise.



- 1 O Lord, I call to you,
- 2 Please watch my lips, O Lord,
- 3 My eyes are turned to you,

come quick - ly to my side. and guard the words I say.

O Lord, my liv - ing God.



Lord, please hear voice; lis - ten when my cry. Please turn sin my heart to you; chase my way. look help; faith - ful for be rock. to you my

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, as we gather around this table to receive the gift of your grace, we offer ourselves to you. All we have, everything we are, and everything we will be, comes from you. We give you thanks, offer our time, gifts, and resources as people of God. Moved by your Spirit we ask that these gifts may be instruments of your love as we seek to love others. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also, with you.

Lift up your heart.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O God most mighty,

O God most merciful,

O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child.

When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city.

With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given to you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave

thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. Amen.

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. Amen.

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

#### Amen.

- O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
- O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
- O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
- O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.
- O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

#### Amen.

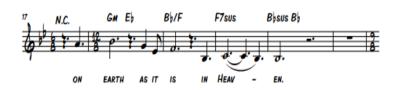
#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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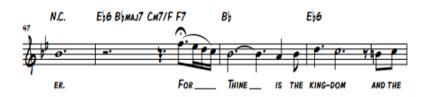


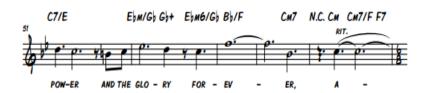






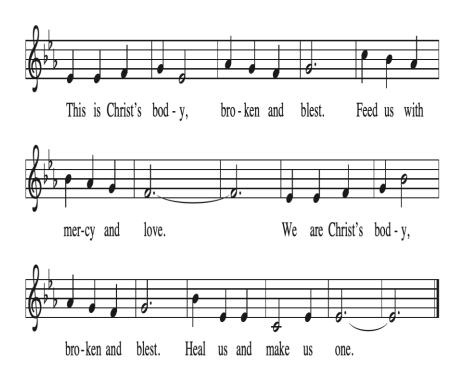








## This Is Christ's Body



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#### **COMMUNION**

The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: "Bread of Life from Heaven"

#### Bread of Life from Heaven



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#### COMMUNION BLESSING

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### **BLESSING**

May the God of creation bless our community, may Jesus the Savior open our hearts to all, may the Holy Spirit empower us with faith, creativity and stewardship to live and serve as people of God now and forever.

Amen

HYMN: ELW 632 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

#### SENDING

Together we at the Milton Lutheran Church Foster community through faith, love, and service. Go forth in faith, to live out our mission.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**



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Monday- Thursday

9:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

Friday- Sunday

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Prayer

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