# MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH Fostering Community through Faith. Love & Service

#### JUNE 30TH 2024

IN PERSON & LIVE STREAMED FROM THE SANCTUARY @ MILTON LUTHERAN CHURCH @ 9:30AM ON THE MLC YOUTUBE CHANNEL. VISIT HTTPS://MILTONLUTHERANCHURCH.ORG FOR LINK TO LIVE WORSHIP. CONVERSATION CHURCH

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: Penny Ulmer

#### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Greeters: Chuck Stahl & Helen Billhime Communion Asst: Rich Handy and Rick Coup Worship Setup: Connie Stover

In Person & LIVE streamed from the Sanctuary at Milton Lutheran Church at 9:30am on the Milton Lutheran Church YouTube Channel. Visit

https://miltonlutheranchurch.org to link to the LIVE worship.

## Welcome to Worship!

Welcome to the Milton Lutheran Church and the unique worship style of Conversation Church! Today, we will hope that you will be open to the ways in which the Holy Spirit engages us in worship and in relationship with one another.

On the table before you, you should find nametags and markers. Please take a moment and fill out our nametag and put it where it is visible. You will also notice a board in the front of our worship space where you can write any prayers down and stick them to the board. There are pens and pencils available to you on the table, as well as sheets of paper for you to write down your prayers. Take a few moments now and think about any prayers you may have.

Is there someone in your life that needs prayers? Anything you want to thank God for? Anything you want to ask God for? Are there worries that you have? Is there something new happening in your life?

Go ahead and write these prayers down and place them on the prayer board before worship begins.

Worship will begin at 9:30 A.M., so take some time, relax, talk to your neighbors, and enjoy!

Gary Schaeffer, Pastor

#### Welcome and Announcements

Greeting

Call to Worship

#### Opening Music: KJ Reimensnyder-Wagner

#### **Opening Prayer**

Gracious God, as we gather for worship together. We gather in celebration of the many ways you bring us together as community. Be with us today, as you are each day. Guide our hearts, minds and bodies in worship. Help us to give thanks for the many ways you are present in our lives. *Amen* 

### Scripture Reading

#### **Questions for Reflection**

- 1. As Ann was sharing her story with you where did you see God present in her life?
- 2. Are there ways that Ann's story resonates with your own? How are they different?
- 3. What's one thing you hear God calling you to do?

#### Prayer

God of conversation and relationships. We take a moment now and pause to lift these conversations we just had to you. Hold them in the holy space of your mercy and grace. Guide us now, as you do each day, toward one another. Help us to respond to your love, by loving one another. *Amen* 

#### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Lift your hearts. *We lift them up to the Lord.* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.* 

#### Invitation to the Table

We have spent time intentionally sharing and connecting. You told stories. You laughed. You introduced yourselves. You broke bread.

In many ways, I imagine that's what it was like being at the table with Jesus. I imagine that between moments of teaching and prophecy he was turning to his disciples, and hearing stories from them about their lives.

It's easy to imagine, because Jesus was always seeking deeper connection. Jesus always saw those around him. He saw their joy and their pain. He invited them in. He fed them. He called them friends. He said, "I chose you." And that holy love exists for us here, too.

So friends, come to this table today. Come with your questions and your doubts. Come with your joys and your heartache. Come with your hurt and your hope. Come with your heart on your sleeve. Come, and know that you are welcome here—exactly as you are. There is a seat saved for you.

As there was for all of Jesus' disciples. When he took bread, broke it, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying. 'Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them 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 in remembrance of me.'

And so as we gather around this table, just as the disciples did all those years ago, and we pray that your Spirit blesses our gathering, our meal and our relationships. Through your grace, help us be fed together as one people. *Amen* 

Lord's Prayer 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 and ever. Amen.

#### **Communion** The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.

#### **Communion Song**

#### Prayer after Communion

#### Blessing

People of God, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, And the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you. In the name of the Great Connector—Love itself. May you be blessed, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *Amen* 

#### **Closing Song**

#### 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

You are invited to join us for a luncheon immediately following worship. Following the luncheon we will begin a training in evangelism that will help equip you to share your faith with others and invite them to be a part of our church family. We hope you will join us for both!

Prayer Requests



PRAYER LIST

MATT SPANGLER DAVE ROBINSON MARY ANN SOLOMON MARY AND MELVIN CRIST CAMERON OSGOOD KAREN MARTELLO JOAN SCHWARTZ SCOTT EICHMAN KATHY

#### HOMEBOUND

MARY BILLHIME GERALD GREENLY MELVIN CRIST NANCY BROWN HELEN NAPP



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