



\*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

***Italicized Bold print*** invites congregational response in unison.

\*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

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**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Prelude** Harlan Otter

**Words to Ponder:**

God has promised us salvation, resurrection, and eternal life if we believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior. Jesus promised us life with him, so we can know it is true.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** "Draw the Circle Wide" Chancel Choir

**\*Call to Worship** Carolyn Nuzzi

Leader: The Lord is just in all his ways and kind in all his doings.

**People: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

Leader: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

**People: The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.**

**ALL: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

God of creation, justice, and might, we enter into this time of worship to praise you, astounded at all you have given us. From our first breaths to the abundance we enjoy today, all of it is your doing. We rejoice in your creation and look forward in hope to our own resurrection and the life to come with you and all your created and saved people. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** "Immortal Invincible" UMH#103

**\*Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Bill Florin

**Children's Message** Bill Florin

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)** Carolyn Nuzzi

Lord God in heaven, we know that we sometimes come to you with our demands, our expectations, and our pride in our own intellect to challenge you. We want you to flex and conform to our standards and expectations, no matter how far away from your will they may be. Remind us today, and every day, that you are the creator, and we are the created. We live only because you have willed it. And we will live in heaven with you only because of your grace and the perfect gift of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Words of Assurance**

Bill Florin

**Hymn of Response**

"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"

TFWS#2088

**Scripture Reading**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Carolyn Nuzzi

**The Man of Lawlessness**

**2** As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, **2** not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. **3** Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one<sup>[a]</sup> is revealed, the one destined for destruction.<sup>[b]</sup> **4** He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. **5** Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

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*(Musical Interlude)*

**\*Gospel Reading** Luke 20:27-38 Carolyn Nuzzi

**The Question about the Resurrection**

**27** Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him **28** and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man<sup>[a]</sup> shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. **29** Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; **30** then the second<sup>[b]</sup> **31** and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. **32** Finally the woman also died. **33** In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her." **34** Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, **35** but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. **36** Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. **37** And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. **38** Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."

**Reflecting on God's Message**

"God of the Living"

Bill Florin

**Prayers of the People** Bill Florin  
**Invitation of the Offering** Bill Florin  
**Offertory Anthem** "There Is a Redeemer" Chancel Choir

**\*Doxology** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

**Offering Prayer** Bill Florin  
We give you from what you have already given us, oh Lord. While these gifts and tithes pale in comparison to the gift of life eternal you have promised us, we ask that you bless and multiply them. May these be used to build the church, create disciples, and bring more of your children to salvation in Christ. Amen.

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

**\*Sending Hymn** "Give Thanks" TFWS#2036

**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.**  
**Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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*All members of the New Milford UMC*



\* Langdon, Fe. "Aging Grace"

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost | 11.6.2022 | 9:30 am**

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!  
Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.