



**\*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.

Large print hymnals, large print bulletins, service script, pew cushions, and Listening Assistance Devices are available at the entry of the Sanctuary

**You're encouraged to check-in** at New Milford UMC on Facebook & share our livestream.

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Prelude Hymn** "The Snow Lay on the Ground" TFWS#2093

**Bidding prayer**

**First Lesson** Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announces in the Garden of Eden Adam and Eve's punishment for their rebellion and that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

*CAROL 2095 (TFWS) Star-Child (V1, 2 &5)*

**Second Lesson** Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham that by his descendants all the nations of the earth will obtain blessings.

*\*CAROL 211 (UMH) O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (stanzas 1,2,4,7)*

**Third Lesson** Isaiah 9:2,6-7

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

*CAROL 210 (UMH) Toda La Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting, stanzas 1,4)*

**Fourth Lesson** Isaiah 11:1-4a,6-9

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor and peace for all God's creation.

*CAROL 230 (UMH) O Little Town of Bethlehem*

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer** Pastor Ed

**\*Fifth Lesson** Luke 1:26-35,38

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary that she will give birth to Gods promised Son, whose kingdom will never end.

*\*CAROL 2097 (TFWS) One Holy Night in Bethlehem*

**\*Sixth Lesson** Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

*\*CAROL 228 (UMH) He is Born*

**Offering**

**Communion**

**\*Seventh Lesson** John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

*\*+CAROL 239 (UMH) Silent Night, Holy Night*

## 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.

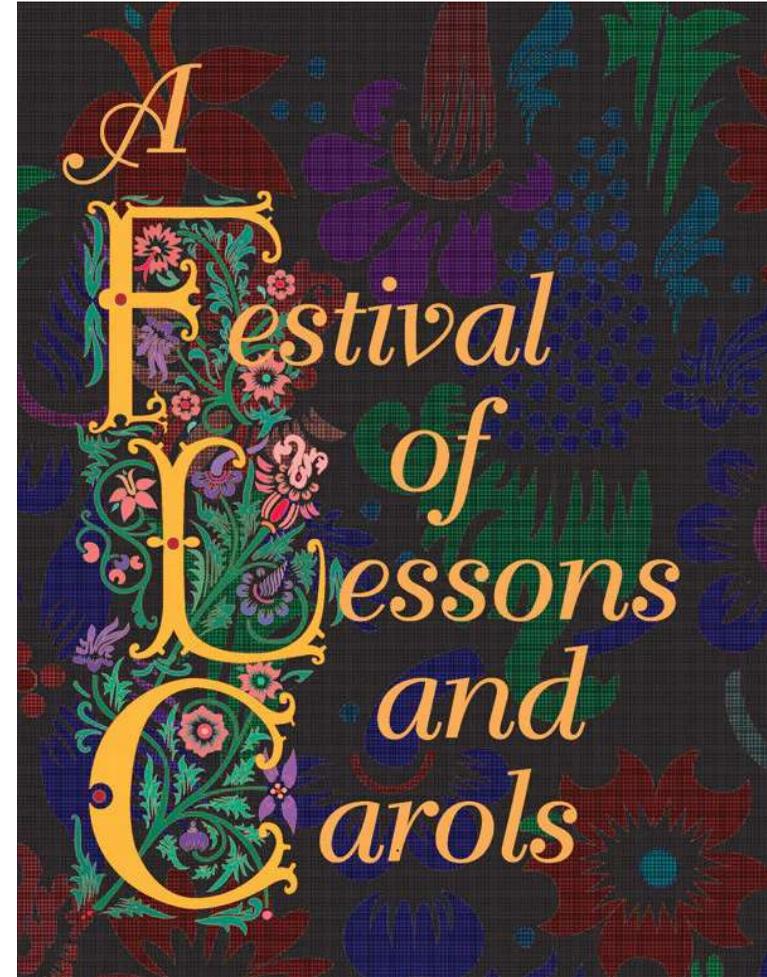
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

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



## *A Festival of Lessons & Carols*

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas Day | 1.1.2023 | 9:30am**

*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.**

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