

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome to the public worship of God on this Fifth Sunday in Eastertide!

We gather for worship each Sunday at 11:00 am. All are welcome!

Worship begins with God. God takes the initiative and calls the Church into being.

In the name of Christ, we heed God's call and gather as the community of faith.

WESTMINSTER CHIMES

MAY 3, 2026 | 11:00 AM

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

PRELUDE | BELL CHOIR

In the Garden

GARDEN

CALL TO WORSHIP

GAIL BURGESS

Our God refuses to shame us. God's justice delivers us.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

Our God listens to us. God rescues us from danger.

Our God renews our spirits. God is always faithful.

Praise God, in whom we seek shelter and guidance!

We trust our God. Let us worship God, whom we call ours.

* HYMN No. 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* GROSSER GOTT WIR LOBEN DICH

* CALL TO CONFESSION

We all err from doing God's justice. When we confess our sins, we tell the truth and admit our own power to enact injustice that harms others. Let us pray:

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassionate mercy, your grace and love extend to all people. We are called to forgive others, as you forgive us. Far too often we wield forgiveness like a weapon. We see others doing wrong and feel haughty when we grant them grace. We call out the sins of the powerful but fail to notice our own power. We become narrow in our quest for truth, and ignore other people, in other rooms, crying out for your justice. Help us search ourselves and seek forgiveness from those we have made beg us for mercy. Connect us to others and guide us to share power and grace as we follow you, in Jesus' name. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus promised his followers there are many rooms in a world filled with God's justice. God raised Jesus making room for us, calling us to live out of God's forgiveness, making sure there is room for all. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

* RESPONSE No. 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia!* (refrain)

ALLELUIA NO. 1

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(From your place, share signs of peace with one another.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Gathered in God's name, we now open ourselves to God's life-giving Word.

ANTHEM | CHANCEL CHOIR *Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining* SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

YOUTH MOMENT

K-12th are invited to the 302 Room for Youth Sunday School and Children's Worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GAIL BURGESS

Your Word, O God, is a source of refuge and guidance. Lead us, and inspire our hearts and souls as we engage holy Scripture with our minds and spirits. **Amen.**

PSALM READING

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

GAIL BURGESS

ACTS | GOSPEL READING

Acts 5:54—60

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

John 14:1—14

SERMON

"an eccentric life"

REV. RICK UPCHURCH

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Having heard God's life-giving Word, we are led to responses and expressions of our faith.

* HYMN No. 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing Joys and Concerns | Pastoral Prayer | The Lord's Prayer

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

The gifts we share to support the ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church of Milford may be placed in the offering plates at the Sanctuary entrance. Gifts may also be given online at www.fpcmilford.org or by using the QR code on the cards in your pew.

OFFERTORY

When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace

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SENDING FORTH WITH THE WORD

The God who calls us together in worship now sends us out in service.

* **CLOSING HYMN** No. 645 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

* **POSTLUDE** *There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit* SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

* **Congregation rise in body or in spirit | Congregational responses in bold.**

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRES

TODAY: 05.03.26

Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am
- Choir Rehearsal | 12:00 pm

MONDAY:

- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm

TUESDAY:

- Handbells | 6:00 pm
- N. A. Meeting | 7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY:

- **Breakfast at Westside** | 9:00 am
ALL ARE WELCOME!
- MAH "A Seat at the Table" | 5-7:00 pm

NEXT SUNDAY: 05.10.26

Sixth Sunday in Eastertide

- Adult Sunday School | 9:30 am
- Worship | 11:00 am
- Youth/Children's SS | 11:15 am
- Choir Rehearsal | 12:00 pm

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Kristin Williams, Colton Hunt,
Colleen McCann, Nancy Gabel

FOOD PANTRY:

Please place items in basket at Front Doors.

SPECIAL THANKS TO

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Head Usher: Ken Naegeli | Liturgist: Gail Burgess
Videographer: Sarah Huntzinger/Mark Huntzinger

NEXT WEEK:

Ken Naegeli | Dorothy Brown | Sarah H./Mark H

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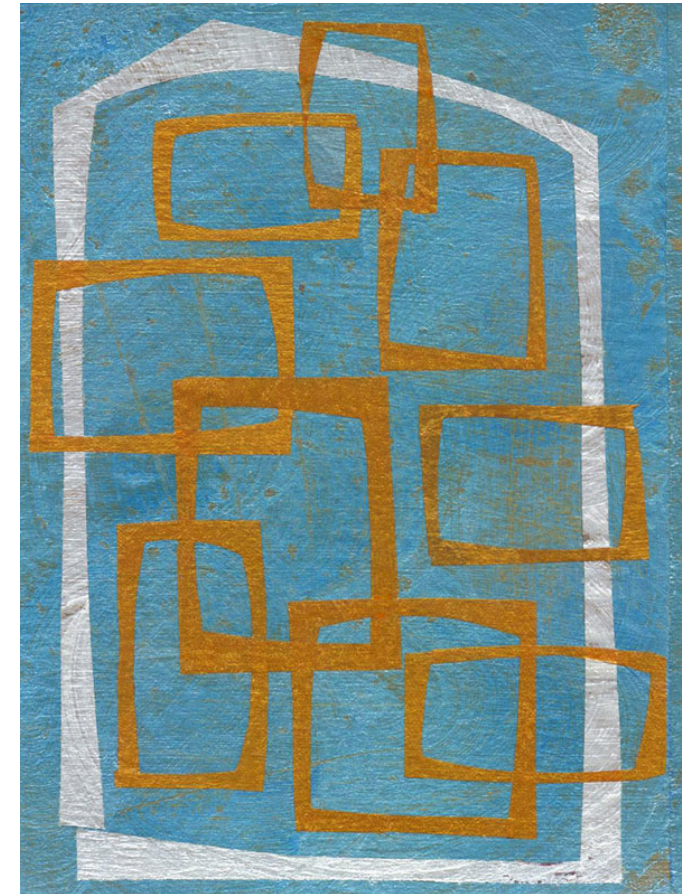
STAFF:

Ann Whitman | Organist & Music Director
Ruth Mikalonis | Interim Admin/Bookkeeper
Rev. Rick Upchurch | Pastor

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On our Facebook page, on YouTube, and
on our website: www.fpcmilford.org

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Sharing God's Love with All from the Heart of Milford



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