

- ◆ Please make sure your cell phones are turned off during worship, so that you can fast from texting and other distractions. Also, please refrain from bring food and drink into the sanctuary.
- ◆ Protective face coverings will be optional for vaccinated persons. We remain considerate of one another's choices and concerns as well as those among us who can't choose vaccinations at this time. We ask that you continue to respect personal boundaries.
- ◆ In order to provide some option of singing, you are asked to only sing softly from your pew at this time and consider the mask for this time of the service.

PRELUDE *God of the Ages* Arr. Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

- L: With each breath we take, our spirits breathe in God's Spirit.
P: Our souls rejoice in the one who fully knows our hearts.
 L: God's grace sustains us, even in the midst of our weaknesses.
P: God's steadfast love nourishes us and energizes us.

OPENING PRAYER (ALL)

Gracious God, You have made all of the peoples of the earth for Your glory. You invite us to serve You in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice and the strength for forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. We ask this on a day of celebration, a day of hope for a nation made free. We ask this in the name of the one who welcomes all to be free indeed. Inspire us to live and worship in Your freedom and for the sake of Your kingdom. AMEN.

HYMN *America the Beautiful* #696 UMH
 (seated, sung softly with masks on, please)

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Nancy

PRAYER FOR OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Holy God who both calls us and confronts us, the gifts we bring to You are only a small part of the multitude we have received from Your goodness. In the depth of our being, we know that in calling us, what You really seek is our faith, our belief, our conviction— our very hearts. What You long for from us is to follow Jesus with our whole being. Lead us in the way that frees us from the grip of the world into the way of life that is You. In Christ, we pray. AMEN.

[If you wish to support Milton United Methodist Church with your tithes and gifts, please mail them to 1007 Church Street, Milton WV 25541. If available, you can also give through your bank. If you wish to make a gift today, there is an offering box located at the parking lot entrance sidewalk, and there are offering plates at the doors of the sanctuary.]

OFFERTORY *Communion Meditation* Parker

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE Romans 5:8 and John 3:16

MESSAGE **FOR THE LOVE OF GOD** Pastor Nancy

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Great is God's name,
and great is the table of Christ.
 As we approach this meal of bread and juice, may we ponder the steadfast love of God.
We praise God's name in each corner of the earth and celebrate His love for us always.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE 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. AMEN.

HYMN OF RESPONSE *How Great Thou Art* #77 UMH
 (seated, sung softly with masks on, please)

CLOSING BLESSING

Let us delight in the steadfast love of God, as we share our weaknesses and celebrate our strengths.
Let us remember God, who guides our path, the Christ who strengthens us, and the Spirit who nurtures us. AMEN.

POSTLUDE *Hail the Lord of All Creation* Ritter



WELCOME: Thank you for joining us for worship today! If you are visiting for the first time, please fill out a yellow card that is in the pew rack. We hope that you will find our church to be a place where you feel welcome and experience the presence of God in a powerful way.

LUNCH GATHERING: If you feel comfortable doing so, bring you lunch at noon on Tuesday, July 6, and join us in Friendship Hall. We may have an impossible question or puzzle, so you may need your Bible. We will remain socially distanced, so we should only have four per table.

NOISY OFFERING: Thank you for your generosity last Sunday and donating \$59.11 for missions.

SUMMER CAMPS AT ASBURY WOODS

All camps are day camps this year.
 (Register at asburywoodswv.wordpress.com or on Facebook)

Younger Elementary: July 26 through July 30
 (8 AM to 4 PM)
 Fee: \$100



Older Elementary: July 26 through July 30
 (8 AM to 4 PM)
 Fee: \$100



Middle School: July 12 through July 15 (8 AM to 8 PM)
 July 16 (8 AM to 4 PM)
 Fee: \$150

High School: July 12 through July 15 (8 AM to 8 PM)
 July 16 (8 AM to 4 PM)
 Fee: \$150



CARDS FOR VETERANS: If you took home a card to sign, please place it in the box by the offering box for the parking lot. We will have more cards to sign and send next month to Veteran's Last Patrol. This organization sends cards to veterans who are in Hospice and need some encouraging words. Thank you for your help with this project.

RUMMAGE SALE: We are planning to sell your unwanted treasures on Friday & Saturday, August 6 & 7. Mark your calendar so you won't forget. We will let you know soon when you can bring your items.

Continuing Prayer Concerns <i>Recently added names are in Italics.</i>		
Nursing & Assisted Living Centers: <i>Cabell Health & Rehab: Louis Mae Conner</i>		
Others: Our Elected Officials; Sunday School (Children, Youth, & Teachers); Military Personnel; Churches & Ministers; Missionaries; Bishop Sandra Steiner Ball; DS Rev. Joe Hill; Pastor Nancy White; 130 th Unit of WV Air Nat'l Guard; and		
Alex S.	James &	Rose
Alice	Sarah	Ruth B.
Avery	Jordan	Steve S.
Brook S.	Keith T.	Tera & Danny
Carlous	Ken H.	Terry B.
Charlie Kate H.	Larry C.	Terry P.
Elenora	Mike	Tootie
Fran and Patty	Millie	Winona
J. D.	Phil W.	

FREE FRIDAY: Stop by the church each Friday from 11 AM to 1 PM for free food. Please let Pastor Nancy or Ruth Klinestiver know if you want to help. Volunteers are needed around 10 AM each Friday. The “to-go” bags of food will be available to any and all until they are gone each Friday from 11 AM to 1 PM. Donations of water and individual-sized bags of chips are appreciated. The menu for the next few weeks is—



- July 9: Turkey & Swiss, Chips, and a Cold Drink
- July 16: Sloppy Joes, Chips, and a Cold Drink
- July 23: Hotdogs, Chips, and a Cold Drink

READINGS & RUNNING: Remember to read and run (walk, jog, etc.) during the summer. There are extra Bible reading schedules for children and adults in Friendship Hall.

STONE SOUP: On Sunday July 18, the youth will be participating in worship at both Milton and Bethesda UM Church services. We hope you will do your best to attend one or the other of the services that day for sure. They also invite you to help them out by bringing any food donations for ECCHO that day. IF you are able to bring any items, please keep them with you in your seat for collection.

They suggest the following items in particular:

Canned goods for Eccho

- Carrots
- Potatoes
- Kidney beans
- Peas
- Tomatoes
- Green beans
- Corn
- Egg noodle

CALENDAR for the Week Beginning JULY 4

TODAY: HOLY COMMUNION AND INDEPENDENCE DAY

- Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class 10:00 AM
- Morning Worship 11:00 AM

MONDAY

- Board of Trustees 6:30 PM

TUESDAY

- Bring-Your-Lunch Gathering in Friendship Hall 12:00 PM

FRIDAY

- Free Friday 11:00 AM –1:00 PM

NEXT SUNDAY:

- Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class 10:00 AM
- Morning Worship 11:00 AM

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

- Vespers Service 20
- Online 45
- Parking Lot 3
- Sanctuary 30

Sermon Notes

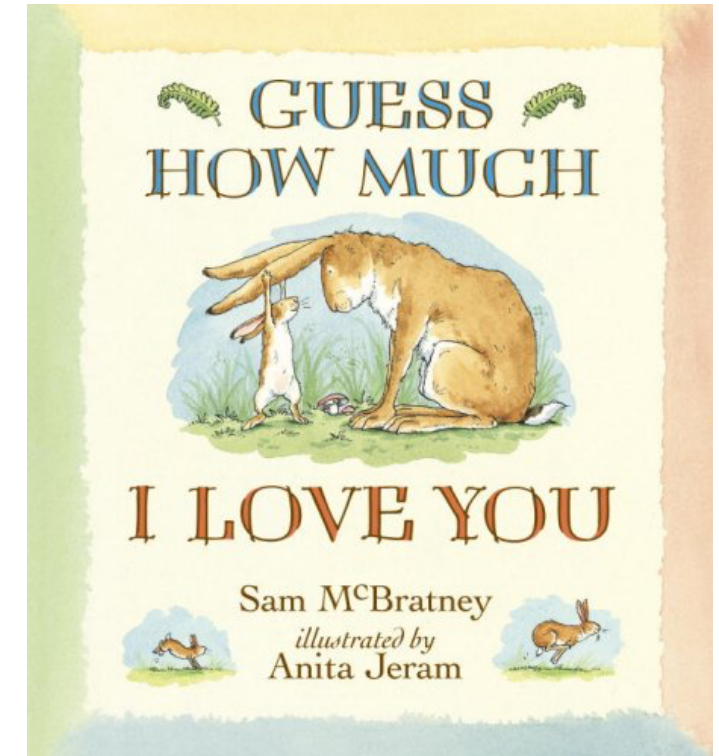
open hearts
open minds
open doors



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Mission Statement

The mission of Milton United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by reflecting God's love through faith, worship, and service so others may discover God's grace.



For the Love of God

**6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION**

**JUNE 27, 2021
INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Milton/Bethesda Charge
Reverend Nancy White, Pastor

Ministers: Every Person in the Congregation Lay Leader: Brad Stewart
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