

◆ *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 *Holy Is the Lord/Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* Arr. Page

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Martha Deel

L: We bless Your name, O Lord,

P: through the weary days and the weary nights.

L: We bless Your name, O Lord,

P: while walking through the shadows of illness and death.

L: We bless Your name, O Lord,

P: when filled with questions and demanding answers.

L: We bless Your name, O Lord.

P: while seeking relief from our pains.

L: We remember You, God, even in times of questioning, suffering and waiting,

P: for it is You who walks with us during the times of trial and it is You who will come and deliver us.

***OPENING PRAYER (UNISON)**

Martha Deel

As we continue to breathe in the transformative power of Pentecost, we will take this time to breathe! Breathe in God's peace; breathe out the stress of the week. Breathe in the love of God; breathe out the challenges and obstacles. Now let us pause to let God know our struggles....(Pause in Silence)...AMEN.

***HYMN** *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* #128 UMH
(sung softly with masks on, please)

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Heavenly Father, like Job, when we ask for Your presence and intervention, we will end up on our knees, astounded at Your greatness, and humbled by our own unworthiness.

Loving God, You hear our prayers. You live among us.

Holy Spirit, when we tearfully share our hopes and dreams with You, You promise a harvest of joy. Fill us with expectations of Your goodness.

Loving God, You hear our prayers. You live among us.

Lord Jesus Christ, high priest and intercessor for our sins, help us live as Your children, trusting that we are also children of the Heavenly Father.

Loving God, You hear our prayers. You live among us.

Lord Jesus, healer of Bartimaeus' blindness, help us see You in this world active in love, and help us see You by our side, so we may walk Your way without stumbling.

Loving God, You hear our prayers. You live among us.

Lord Jesus, Great Physician, hear now the names of those we know who need your healing, who need your presence....

Loving God, You hear our prayers. You live among us.

The love of God has won. The new life has begun. AMEN

PRAYER FOR OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

Extravagantly Generous God, there is nothing we have, there is nothing we require, there is nothing we long for that does not pale when placed beside the relationship You've offered to us. As we bring our gifts to You, remind us of the covenant you put before Israel: "If they will be My people I will be their God." Receive what we give in gratitude for Your invitation, and help us be Your people, reflected in our love for You and for all Your children. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who gave all there was to give for us. AMEN.

[If you wish to support Milton United Methodist Church with your tithes and gifts, please mail them to MUMC, 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 *Wonderful Words of Life* Arr. Southbridge

SCRIPTURE Job 42:1-6; 10-17 (NRSV)

MESSAGE Pastor Nancy

***CLOSING HYMN** *People Need the Lord* #2244 TFWS
(sung softly with masks on, please)

***CLOSING BLESSING**

Our God turns crucifixions into resurrections. What was dead is now alive, and what was once defeat is now an everlasting triumph.

Christ is alive.

He forgives you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Our Redeemer lives!

***POSTLUDE** *Bless His Holy Name* Crouch

*Please stand as you are able.



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 and leave it in the offering plate. 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.

FALL FREE FRIDAY LUNCHES: We are planning to hand out free lunches this fall. Please let Pastor Nancy know if you can help. We need YOU! The lunches will be served from 11:30 AM until 12:30 PM (or until we run out of food). The menu for the next two weeks is as follows:

October 29: Broccoli & Cheddar Soup

November 5: Beans and Cornbread

Volunteers should be at the church between 10:30 and 11:00 AM.

Donations of bottled water are greatly appreciated.

FLU SHOTS: CVS has **canceled** the flu shot clinic for today, but you are still encouraged to get vaccinated at CVS or another location of your choice.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY: You are invited to write the name of those who have passed away this past year on the cloth displayed today. We will honor our saints on Sunday, November 7.

THINKING OF YOU: Postcards are available to send to someone you have been missing. Send a thoughtful card today.

Continuing Prayer Concerns

Recently added names are in Italics.

Nursing & Assisted Living Centers:

Cabell Health & Rehab: Louis Mae Conner

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; 130th Unit of WV Air Nat'l Guard; and

Alex S.	Fran and Patty	Rose
Alice	J. D.	Ruth B.
Avery	John M.	Stan
Baby Owen	Ken H.	Steve S.
Bill	Larry C.	Steven L.
Brenda & Keith T.	Mike	Terry B.
Bronson & Sara	Millie	Terry P.
Carlous	Patrick	Tootie
Elenora	Roger W.	



NOISY OFFERING: Plan to bring ALL of your loose change next Sunday, October 31, so we can make a joyful noise and collect a special offering for missions.

ECCHO CHRISTMAS: MUMC has volunteered to use our conference room to distribute the toys, gift bags on December 13, 15, 20, and 22. In order to do this, we need all purchased items by Wednesday, December 8. This year it is suggested that if you choose to send in a toy or make a teen gift, that you put it in a gift bag. We will need the gift bag to be labeled that it is either for a **boy or girl and the age such as baby, elementary, middle, or high school. Do not staple the bag shut.**

Suggestions for the Gift Bags

Elementary:

Baby dolls; coloring books; games; action figures; puzzles; candy; sport balls; Play Doh sets; Melissa & Doug sets; art sets; and toy trucks & cars.

Teens:

Girls—make up, hair accessories, body wash and cream, gift sets, Jewelry sets, hair products, hair dryers, slippers, lip gloss, nail polish, eye makeup, key chain, purse, boxed candy, and games.

Boys—body wash; shavers; footballs; basketballs; soccer balls; boxed body scents; key chain; wallet; boxed candy; and games.

***no stuffed animals please**

Sermon Notes

CALENDAR for the Week Beginning OCTOBER 24

TODAY

Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class 9:45 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Confirmation Class at Bethesda UMC 12:00 PM
 Trunk or Treat 5:00 PM

THURSDAY

T.O.P.S. 4:30—6:00 PM

FRIDAY

Fall Free Friday Lunches 11:30 AM—12:30 PM

NEXT SUNDAY: NOISY OFFERING

Mack Thomasson Sunday School Class 9:45 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Worship Ministry Team After Worship

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Online 70
 Parking Lot 9
 Sanctuary 29

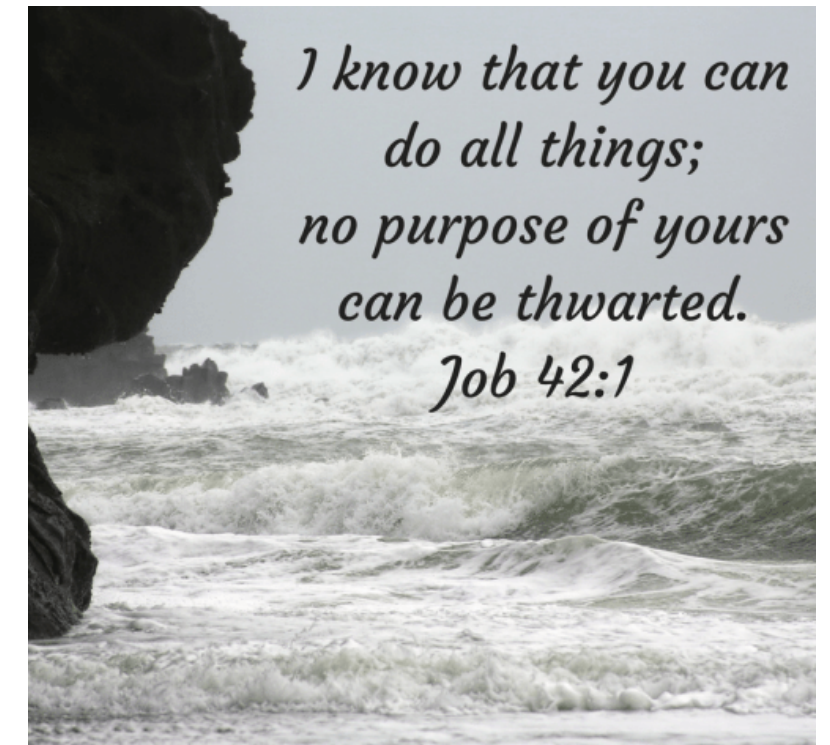
*open hearts
 open minds
 open doors*



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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.



22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 24, 2021

Milton/Bethesda Charge
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