

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**All Are Welcome Here:** For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. Large print bulletins are available at both entrances. Additionally, services are live streamed in the chapel, should you need to step out of the service for any reason. Simply turn on the TV. Please see a Deacon if you need assistance.

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following service today.

Stop by and shop the **A. Russell Ayre Scholarship Tag Sale on Saturday, July 20th** during the Artisan Fair on the New Milford Green.

**Lawn Mowing Sign-Up.** Thank you to all who have volunteered! We are still in need of a few more volunteers to mow our church lawn. Please email Rachael if interested: [rwright@nmchurch.org](mailto:rwright@nmchurch.org).

**Lunch & Learns** - October 3rd, November 6th, and December 4th.



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#### Today's Service

Deacon on Duty	Sheri Gunn
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Scripture Reader	Marilyn Wilkes
Acolytes	Ryan Simmons & Freya Jones

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”*



**July 7, 2024**

**WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY**

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

**PRELUDE**

*Be Glad, O My Soul/Johann Gottfried Walther*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

**People: They shall mount up with wings like eagles.**

Leader: They shall run and not be weary.

**People: They shall walk and not faint.**

Leader: Let us praise God. Let us worship God together.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**GLORIA PATRI\***

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.*

**HYMN\***

*Here at Thy Table, Lord #384*

**INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER**

**Living God, we begin our worship with gratitude for life and all the good things that come from your hand. We thank you for Jesus and his love. We thank you for the rolling hills and this valley. You give us peace and the strength to meet the challenges of our day. In this hour may we know your joy. Draw us into your presence. Speak your word to each one of us this morning. We ask this in Jesus' name who taught us to pray, saying:**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Choral Response

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION AND PEACE**

Leader: Beloved, this is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**People: The children of God come from east and west, and from north and south and sit at the table in the realm of God.**

Leader: Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity.

**SHARING THE ELEMENTS**

*The Deacons will serve communion. Gluten free crackers are in the center cup.  
Please hold the bread and juice until we partake as a group.*

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Thanks be to you, O God, for your presence and your purpose, for your loving kindness and your steadfast spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity, and unify**

**our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the risen one. Amen.**

*Church School children will process to the Parish House during this time.*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 95:1-7

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

Call to Offering

Offertory

*Be Thou My Vision/trad. Irish  
Soloists: Melanie Fay, Sharon Millard*

**Song of Presentation\***

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Offering Prayer\***

**Lord, these gifts have come from you. Now we return them to you expressing our dedication to your service. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**HYMN\***

*My Life Flows On #619*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 15:36-41 2 Timothy 4:11

Choral Response

**SERMON**

*The John Mark Affair*

Choral Response

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**HYMN\***

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies #725*

**BENEDICTION\*** - spoken and sung.

**POSTLUDE**

*Allegro Maestoso/G.F. Handel*

*\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit*

*Flowers given by Janet and Charlie Junz  
in memory of their granddaughter, Julianna.*