

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



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF NEW MILFORD
June 7, 2026

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

It is Well with My Soul/arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Shout with joy,

People: for God has blessed us.

Leader: Sing with praise,

People: for God is here.

Leader: Worship and pray,

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*

All Things Bright and Beautiful #61

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we yearn to be as merciful with others as you are with us. We long to set aside past grudges and love others for who they are now. We are tired of sitting in judgment and failing to see others as your beloved children. Fill us with your grace that we might have enough faith to walk in your ways and to seek the healing of your world. We pray in the name of Jesus; with the words he taught us...

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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Choral Response

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 33:1-12

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

Awake, My Tongue/Richard E. Voorhaar

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*

Holy God, bless these gifts, and bless our lives with your abundance and your love. In all that we have and in all that we are, may we bless and honor you as we bless and honor your beloved world. Amen.

HONORING OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

(see insert)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

#361 in Hymnal

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

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

Holy God, we thank you for feeding us at your table. Lift up our eyes so that we will know You are with us always. Help us listen for the voice of Christ, so we can follow where he leads. May we find the Holy Spirit dwelling within us so that we can help renew and restore Your world. Amen.

HYMN*

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #422

Church School children will process to the Parish House during the last verse.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Choral Response

SERMON

God's Abundance

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Choral Response

HYMN*

God, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing #439

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

POSTLUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together/arr. Albert Zabel

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

Today's liturgy has been adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, and The Worship Sourcebook.

THANK YOU

- Sophie Ryan - Acolyte
- Debbie Poole – Deacon on Duty
- **The flowers at today's service were given by the Senior Choir and Bells in memory of Barbara Ahern.**
- Deacons - Ushers
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Are Welcome Here: For your comfort, listening devices are available by the front doors of the church. 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.

Summer Music: During the summer months we will sing your favorite Hymns. Please fill out the summer music card with your Hymn selection and place it in the collection plate.

Lawn Mowing Sign-Up: We are still in need of volunteers to mow our church lawn every other week. Please sign up on the chart posted on the bulletin board located in the church lobby or email Carole at: czeigler@nmchurch.org.

Women of the Bible Study Group meet in the Chapel Monday at 1:00 PM.

The Chapel Stitchers will meet in the Chapel on Sunday, June 14 following coffee hour.

There will be **no Church School on Sunday, June 21.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, June 15: **Church Council - Zoom Meeting 6:30 pm**

Sunday, June 21: **Choir Appreciation Day**

Monday, June 22: **Vacation Bible School**

Saturday, July 18: **Church Tag Sale**

Recipients of the A. Russell Ayre Scholarship

Amanda (James) Bensema

Else Dahl

Sarah Da Silva

Hadley Diotte

Cara Ann Fergus

Kaley Herring

Lourdes Yves Lyda

Adam Minsek

Nicholas Sartori

Matheus Toledo Schmidt

Thomas Setear

Elena Stein

Mikayla Taylor

Juliet Tilford



Father's Day 2026

Most of us learned how to “do good” and “share with those in need” from our parents, or someone that took care of us when we were young.

This Father's Day, would you consider a gift of \$10.00 in honor or memory of your father, or someone who taught you to “do good” and “share” ?

Your gift will enable us to purchase complete Cleanup Buckets from CWS.

Names in honor and in memory will be dedicated in our service on June 21st.

Please place this form, and your contribution of \$10 per name into the bright color envelope in your pew and place in the collection plate.

Name(s) in honor of:

Name(s) in memory of:

Given by:

Amount enclosed:

**“Do not forget to do good and to share with those in need.”
Hebrews 13:16**

When disasters like tornados, hurricanes, floods, and extended power outages strike, it requires a lot of cooperation and a lot of cleaning to recover!

Church World Service provides Cleanup Buckets to those in need after disasters. This enables a quick, sanitary recovery that helps prevent the spread of germs and disease that follow disasters.



Included in Each Cleanup Bucket:

- 5-gallon bucket with lid
- Scouring Pads
- Sponges (small and large)
- Scrub Brush
- Tough Wipes
- Dish Detergent
- Household Cleaner Concentrate
- Clothesline
- Dust Mask
- Rubber bands
- Dishwashing Gloves
- Work Gloves
- Trash Bags

