

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



**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026**

WELCOME & CALL TO MINISTRY

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer/ arr. Joel Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When hatred and division separate us,

People: God’s love binds us together.

Leader: When quarrels estrange us,

People: Christ’s grace brings reconciliation.

Leader: When we feel excluded and left out,

People: The Spirit’s peace eases our pain.

Leader: Come! Let us worship the One who makes us one.

People: Thanks be to God.

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*

#595 Be Thou My Vision, vs. 1, 3, 4

INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal God, you have drawn us together this day from a variety of backgrounds, experiences, hopes, and dreams. Be with us as together we experience your presence and your healing love. Open our hearts and our spirits to receive strength, encouragement, and peace. We pray in Jesus' name, 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

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Call to Offering

Offertory

He is Exalted / Twila Paris

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*

God of abundance and joy, we thank you for the many blessings you have poured on our lives. Receive these gifts, lovingly given, and bless them in your service. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN*

#526 The Gift of Love

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Choral Response

SERMON

Welcoming Others

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Choral Response

HYMN*

He's Got the Whole World

BENEDICTION* - spoken and sung

POSTLUDE

Diapason Movement/George Green

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

Today's liturgy has been adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual.

THANK YOU

Debbie Poole - Deacon on Duty

Evelyn Johnson - Acolyte

Susan Sennello - Scripture Reader

Sharon Millard, Gail Peck & Bonnie Westerberg – Ushers

Chris Fay & Dan Martin for their gift of music at today's service.

To everyone who chose our hymns today.

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.

Coffee Hour: Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall following today's worship.

Women of the Bible study group meet in the Chapel on Monday's at 1:00 PM.

Lawn Mowing Sign-Up: We are still in need of volunteers to mow our church lawn this week and the weeks of August 31 & September 14. Please sign up on the chart posted on the bulletin board located in the church lobby or email Carole at: czeigler@nmchurch.org.

Rev. Marie will be on vacation Monday, August 17 through Sunday, August 23. If you need immediate assistance while she is away, please contact: Rev. Pat Nicholas at: revpatnicholas@nmchurch.org

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He's Got the Whole World

Chorus:

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole wide world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

1.

He's got you and me brother in His hands.
He's got you and me sister in His hands.
He's got you and me brother in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

2.

He's got you and me, mother in His hands.
He's got you and me, father in His hands.
He's got you and me, mother in His hands.
He's got the whole world in His hands.

3.

He's got the little, tiny babies in his hands
He's got everyone here in his hands
He's got the little, tiny babies in his hands
He's got the whole world in his hands





First Congregational Church OF NEW MILFORD

Welcome
BACK
SUNDAY!

September 13th

Following Service



Hot Dog Bar
&
Grilled Cheese



Please bring a dessert or side to share!



ACTIVITIES
FOR KIDS!



We can't wait to see you!