



**OCTOBER 10, 2021**

*Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost*

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† All who are able may stand

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**PRELUDE**

*"Shall We Gather At The River"*

*by Mark Winchester*

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

†**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"Marching To Zion"*

UMH #733

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Laura Preslar

**PRAISING GOD THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**ANTHEM**

*"Shall We Gather At The River"*

*by Dustin Shelton*

†**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*"Doxology"*

†**SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 24:26-44

**SERMON**

How Will It Happen?

Rev. Jim Parsons

†**APOSTLES' CREED**

†**HYMN**

*"Hymn Of Promise"*

UMH #707

†**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*"Go Now In Peace"*

UMH #665

†**POSTLUDE**

*"Trumpet Voluntary In G"*

*by Patricia Lou Harris*

# THIS WEEK AT MILFORD HILLS

## Sunday, October 10, 2021

9:00am..... Adult Sunday School  
10:00am ..... Worship  
11:00am ..... Children/Youth/Adult SS  
4:00pm ..... Youth

## Wednesday, October 13, 2021

6:15pm ..... Handbells  
7:00pm ..... Choir

## Thursday, October 14, 2021

10:30am ..... CheerGivers

## Sunday, October 17, 2021

9:00am ..... Adult Sunday School  
10:00am ..... Worship  
11:00am ..... Children/Youth/Adult SS  
4:00pm ..... Youth

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ER Ministry** | CrossTalk is collecting snacks for the ER and other overwhelmed areas in the hospital. If you'd like to donate, you may leave snacks in the CrossTalk classroom or in the collection bin on the porch outside the office.
- **Pumpkin Patch** | If you're interested in helping sell pumpkins throughout October, visit [signup.com/go/DPLzRbT](http://signup.com/go/DPLzRbT), see the Weekly eNews, or contact Blake.
- **Office Closed** | On Tuesday, October 12, the office will be closed for staff development.
- **Rowan Helping Ministries** | Youth Group will serve on Tuesday, October 12.
- **Church Women United** | CWU will be collecting cleaning supplies in the month of October. Boxes will be outside of the office and choir room. See eNews or newsletter for list of needs.
- **Noisy Offering** | Bring your spare change next Sunday! We are going to begin collecting it again to go towards purchasing books for Isenburg Elementary students.
- **UMW Card Party** | Thursday, October 21 from 1:00-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in the office or from Jane Cooper. Quilt tickets are also for sale, \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Masks are strongly recommended. Beverages will be provided, but please bring your own snacks.

**The rose and Milford Bear on the altar are in honor of the birth of  
Kathryn Patricia Roseman.**

### Lay Reader

**Today:** Sarah Presson  
**10/17:** Liz Shifflette Slate

### AVL Team

**Today:** Grayson Gusa, Ed James, Chris Preslar  
**10/17:** Chris Preslar, Ed James, Rob Beecham



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# ***“Shall We Gather At The River”***

*Arranged by Dustin Shelton*

Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,  
Washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever,  
All the happy golden day.

Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace. [Refrain]