

## 2009 Worship Survey

Help MUMC's Worship Committee better understand the worship life of the church! Please take a few moments to answer these questions, and then return the form to the church office by June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We invite everyone in your household who attends worship to fill out a copy of this survey; additional copies can be obtained from the Welcome Center in the church narthex, or from the church website: (www.milfordumc.org). Please be assured that your responses will remain completely anonymous.

### 1. How long have you attended worship at MUMC?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Less than one year | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 – 10 years  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 – 3 years        | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 years |

### 2. How often do you typically attend worship at MUMC?

- Every week
- 2-3 times each month
- Once a month
- Only on holidays
- Sporadically
- I have not attended worship at MUMC at all in the past year

### 3. Do you have children living at home?    YES    NO

If so, do they typically attend worship with you?    YES    NO

### 4. How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. How far do you typically drive to attend worship at MUMC?

- Less than 10 minutes
- 10 – 30 minutes
- Over 30 minutes

### 6. What kind of church did you attend prior to MUMC?

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Methodist    | <input type="checkbox"/> UCC         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baptist      | <input type="checkbox"/> Episcopal   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic     | <input type="checkbox"/> Pentecostal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lutheran     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presbyterian | <input type="checkbox"/> None        |

### 7. Are you a member of the Milford United Methodist Church?    YES    NO

### 8. How often do you visit the church website (www.milfordumc.org)?

- Daily
- A few times a week
- A few times a month
- A few times a year
- Never

**9. The primary reason I attend worship at MUMC is because**

- I like the sermon
- I like the music
- I like the pastor
- I have friends and family who also attend
- It's the closest Methodist Church to my home
- I like church's volunteer opportunities
- I've grown up in this church
- I like the church building/architecture
- I feel like I am loved and accepted by the congregation
- I do not attend

**10. Rate how much you agree with the following statements. Let 5 = All of the time; 4 = Most of the time; 3 = Some of the time; 2 = Rarely; and 1 = Never**

	All of the time				Never
I find MUMC's services spiritually uplifting	5	4	3	2	1
MUMC's worship services enhance my faith journey by contributing to my spiritual growth	5	4	3	2	1
I think the music and the sermon fit well together	5	4	3	2	1
The worship services help me discover the joy of knowing and serving Jesus Christ	5	4	3	2	1
The pastor and leadership do a good job of leading worship	5	4	3	2	1
The sermons help me understand my faith better	5	4	3	2	1
I enjoy videos as a part of worship	5	4	3	2	1
I feel like worship at MUMC meets my spiritual needs	5	4	3	2	1
Worship services at MUMC usually flow smoothly from one element to the next	5	4	3	2	1
I feel like some parts of the worship services go over my head	5	4	3	2	1
I find some elements of worship distracting	5	4	3	2	1
I want to be personally greeted by the pastor when I attend worship	5	4	3	2	1
I think coffee hour is an important part of worship because it gives me an opportunity to socialize with others.	5	4	3	2	1
It often feels crowded in worship	5	4	3	2	1
I feel like other people in worship know who I am and notice when I am gone	5	4	3	2	1
I reflect or meditate on the worship service during the week	5	4	3	2	1
I am bored by some parts of the worship services	5	4	3	2	1
I sense the presence of God in MUMC worship	5	4	3	2	1
I enjoy sharing joys and prayer concerns during MUMC worship services and hearing others' joys and prayer concerns	5	4	3	2	1
I think its important for me to introduce myself to visitors in MUMC worship services	5	4	3	2	1

**11. Which of the following statements comes the closest to your view of the use of music in worship?**

- Music is essential to worship
- Music is an important ingredient to worship but is not essential to it
- Music is an enjoyable aspect of worship but is neither essential or important
- Music is not a significant aspect of worship

**12. The most important component of a worship service is**

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The music              | <input type="checkbox"/> Fellowship time               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The sermon             | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate or pastoral prayers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communion and baptisms | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent prayer                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reading Scripture      | <input type="checkbox"/> Announcements and Greeting    |

**13. How important is it to you that lay readers are used to read Scripture and offer a greeting?**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very Important     | <input type="checkbox"/> Not important at all |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important | <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know         |

**14. Have you ever participated in worship as a lay reader? YES NO**

**15. Based on your understanding of the terms listed below, indicate whether you think worship at MUMC has too much, just enough, or not enough of each:**

	Too much	Just enough	Not enough
Formality and dignity			
Spontaneity and freedom			
Reverence and holiness			
Congregational participation & lay involvement			
Liturgical & planned worship aids (printed prayers, responsive readings)			
Drama, pageants, & concerts			
Innovation and experimentation			
Humor, laughter			

**16. Rank in order from 1-5 how important each of these factors are in choosing which worship service to attend. (1 is the most important, 5 is the least important):**

- \_\_\_\_ What time the service starts
- \_\_\_\_ Type of music
- \_\_\_\_ Length of the service
- \_\_\_\_ The 'feel' of the service
- \_\_\_\_ My friends/family attend the same service

**17. In your opinion, the most important purpose of a worship service is to**

- provide a place for prayer and meditation
- provide Biblical teaching
- evangelize the lost
- motivate the congregation
- administer the sacraments
- provide a place where my friends and family can fellowship and worship together

**18. From the list below, which elements do you feel are most lacking from MUMC worship services? (Check all that apply):**

- Cultural/ethnic diversity
- Use of multimedia (videos, etc.)
- Dramas and skits
- Variety and spontaneity
- Practical Biblical teaching
- Diversity of musical and liturgical styles
- Congregational participation
- A sense of reverence and prayerfulness
- Soloists and performance ensembles
- Participation of children and youth

**19. Which Sunday worship service do you primarily attend?**

- 8.30am                                       10.45 am                                       It varies

**20. Do you feel that MUMC is providing joyful and meaningful worship experiences?**

- Yes, all of the time                                       No, usually not  
 Yes, some of the time                                       No, never

**21. How would you describe a typical MUMC worship service? (circle all that apply):**

- |              |               |              |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Uplifting    | Spiritual     | Joyful       |
| Encouraging  | Positive      | Tedious      |
| Depressing   | Inspirational | Moving       |
| Motivational | Boring        | Entertaining |
| Frustrating  | Spontaneous   | Dignified    |

**22. Have you ever visited MUMC's online Prayer Blog ([www.milfordumc.org/pray](http://www.milfordumc.org/pray))?**

- Yes     No

**23. How do you feel about the length of most worship services at MUMC?**

- They are too long
- They are just right
- They are too short

**24. How do you feel about the starting time of the worship service you primarily attend?**

- It starts too early
- I think it starts at an appropriate time
- It starts too late

**If you have any additional comments you would like to add, please share them here or feel free to attach an additional sheet:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Thank you for your input! Please be sure to return this survey as soon as possible to the Milford United Methodist Church office at 327 North River Road (PO Box 476) in Milford, NH 03055. It can also be faxed to 603.673.9372. The results of this survey will be made available this summer.*