



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

January 14, 2024 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship is a time to move close to God and receive spiritual energy for living courageously and serving others faithfully.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit "Songs Of Thankfulness and Praise" C. Wordsworth

*Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord and consider what wonderful things God has done.

People: The savior has been born, the angels have sung, the shepherds have worshipped, the magi have followed a traveling star.

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People: The people who lived in the shadows have seen a glorious light.

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People: The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan, making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!

Leader: O come, let us worship the Lord

People: For God has done such wonderful things!

*Hymn "We'll Understand It Better By and By" UMH #525

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God, you heap your love upon us like a parent providing for a family's needs, embracing a child with tenderness. Forgive us when, like spoiled children, we treat your generosity as our right, or hug it possessively to ourselves. Give us enough trust to live secure in your love and to share it freely with others in open-handed confidence that your grace will never run out. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: Here the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God! Amen.

Old Testament Reading Haggai 2:1-9 Pew Bible pg. 878

Choral Anthem "Teach Me, O Lord" P. Stopford

*New Testament Reading Mark 2:14-17, 22-23 Pew Bible pg. 36

Message Lessons from an East Liberty Diner Rev. Anthony Hita

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "I Know Whom I Have Believed" UMH #714

Dedicating Our Resources to God

Offertory

*Response Doxology, UMH #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Offertory Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Table "The Great Thanksgiving" UMH Pg. 13
(Gluten Free option available)

Passing of the Peace

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" UMH #664

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude

*Please Stand if able

We Welcome Rev. Hita to the pulpit today: "Rev. Anthony R.C. Hita is an ordained elder in the Western PA Annual Conference and the fourth generation in his family to become a Methodist clergy. After serving two appointments as a parish pastor, he moved to Eastern PA in 2016 to attend the University of Pennsylvania where he graduated in 2018 with a Masters of Science in Historic Preservation. Today, he works as a professional architectural conservator and architectural historian. Since 2018, Rev. Hita has worked with over 50 churches nationwide to help with the preservation and documentation of their historic buildings. He and his wife, Melissa, live in Hatfield. When Rev. Hita is not filling in for other area pastors, he can be found on a typical Sunday at Doylestown UMC."

We Welcome guest organist Pat Guth to worship today. Pat has been a friend and guest organist of NUMC for many years.

During Communion, the offering baskets for the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund** are located on the front pews. The Pastor's Discretionary Fund is a designated fund made available to the senior pastor to distribute emergency financial aid for payments for food, rent, utilities, medical bills, and other needs at the pastor's discretion.



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