



# "NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

February 18, 2024 – First Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude

Choral Introit "Forty Days And Forty Nights" Lewis

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: John baptized Jesus in the waters of the Jordan.  
 People: **God said: You are my Son, the Beloved. With you I am well pleased.**

Leader: We are washed by the waters of our baptism.  
 People: **God says: You are my beloved children. With you I am well pleased.**

Leader: We gather as God's beloved children to worship and to serve.  
 People: **Let us proclaim the good news of God's love! Amen.**

\*Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

\*Opening Prayer

**Eternal God, at the baptism of Jesus, you revealed him to be your Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep all born of water and the Spirit faithful to their calling as your people. Send your grace upon your people gathered here, that we may follow your ways of truth and walk in the paths of steadfast love, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading Genesis 9:8-17 Pew Bible pg. 7

Choral Anthem "In The Shadow Of Your Wings" J. Leavitt

\*Gospel Reading Mark 1:9-15 Pew Bible pg. 34

Message "Embrace the Journey" Pastor Rodney Brailsford

Pastoral Prayer

\*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 "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" UMH #521

Invitation to Generosity

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**

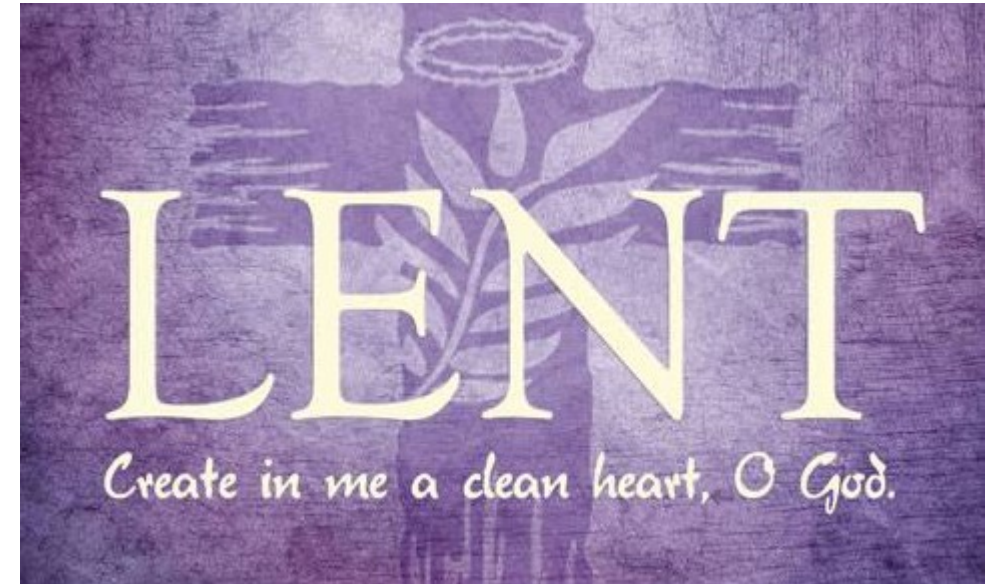
\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn "When Jesus Came to Jordan" UMH #252

\*Dismissal and Blessing

\*Postlude

\*Please Stand as you are able



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