



# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit                      “Father, Long Before Creation”                      Lewis

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Beloved, let us gather in the presence of the Almighty, as we open our hearts to the Word of God.

**People: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise and adoration, for the light of Christ shines upon us, guiding our path.

**People: Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.**

Leader: As we come together in fellowship, let us be reminded of the boundless love and grace that our Lord bestows upon us.

**People: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.**

Leader: May the words of Scripture inspire us, may the Holy Spirit fill us, and may our worship be pleasing in the sight of God.

**People: Let us lift our voices in joyful praise and worship, giving thanks for the gift of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Hymn                      “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”                      UMH #400

\*Affirmation of Faith                      UMH #881

\*Opening Prayer

**Loving God, as we gather here, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us model our lives after his messages of compassion and service to you and to all your world. We praise you for your love of all people expressed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for his commitment to justice, his zeal for true worship of you, and his willingness to replace all other sacrifices with the sacrifice of his own life. In his name, we offer you our worship. Amen.**

Prayer for the Pastor

Epistle Reading                      Ephesians 2:1-10                      Pew Bible pg. 192

Choral Anthem                      “God So Loved The World”                      John Stainer

\*Gospel Reading                      John 3:14-21                      Pew Bible pg. 94

Message                      “Love Lifted Up”                      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                      Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)                      (see insert)

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

“Because He Lives”

UMH # 364

\*Dismissal and Blessing

\*Postlude

\*Please Stand as you are able

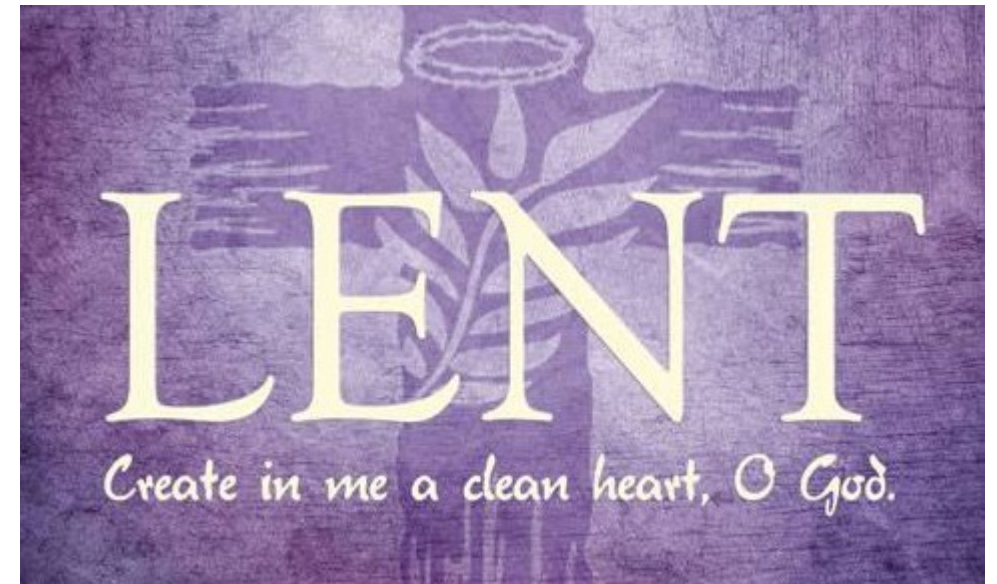
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