



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

March 17, 2024 – Fifth 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 “Give Justice, Lord, My Savior” C. Tietze

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us gather in this sacred space,

People: Where hearts are open, and spirits are awakened.

Leader: In this season of Lent, let us journey together,

People: Seeking deeper understanding and renewal of faith.

Leader: As Jesus once said, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified,”

People: May we open our hearts to receive the wisdom of his words.

Leader: For whoever loves their life will lose it,

People: But whoever hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

Leader: Let us surrender ourselves to God’s will,

People: And find true life in the footsteps of Christ. Amen.

*Hymn “Crown Him with Many Crowns” UMH #327

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

*Opening Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, as we gather in your presence today, we humbly come before you with open hearts and minds. We are grateful for the privilege of worshipping you, knowing you have called us into your holy presence. We thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who was appointed by you as our high priest forever. Help us to fix our eyes on him, the author of our salvation, as we seek the perfection of our faith. May our worship be pleasing in your sight, O God, as we offer you the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may be strengthened and encouraged to live lives that reflect your love and grace. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Epistle Reading Hebrews 5:5-10 Pew Bible pg. 220

Choral Anthem “Create In Me A Clean Heart” C. Mueller

*Gospel Reading John 12:20-33 Pew Bible pg. 107

Message “Unless...” 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 “Blessed Assurance” UMH #369

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

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH #159

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude

*Please Stand as you are able



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