



# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

April 14, 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, beloved, let us gather in the presence of our Risen Lord,

**People: For in Him, we find our strength and our hope.**

Leader: As we celebrate the third Sunday of Easter,

**People: Let us rejoice in the victory won for us through Christ's resurrection.**

Leader: Let us fix our eyes on Him, rooted and built up in Him,

**People: For in Christ, all things hold together.**

Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving,

**People: For through His triumph, we are made whole and complete.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

\*Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577

\*Opening Prayer

**Gracious and Loving God, as we gather in Your presence, we are filled with gratitude for the victory we have through Christ's resurrection. We thank You for the assurance that in him, we are made complete and victorious over every challenge we face. Your Word reminds us to walk in steadfast faith, rooted and built up in Christ, abounding in thanksgiving. Grant us the wisdom to uphold Your commandments diligently, teach**

**them to our children, and meditate on them day and night. By Your Spirit and resurrection, may our lives be a testament to Your glory, reflecting Your love and grace to all, so that we may walk in the victory that is ours through Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. In his precious name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 6:1-9 pew Bible pg. 163

Special Music "Victory" F. Jenkins

\*New Testament Reading Colossians 2:6-15 pew Bible pg. 200

Message "Rise Up! Living Resurrected Lives!" Pastor Rodney Brailsford  
*Walking in Victory*

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 #94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

UMH #159

\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

\*Please Stand if able



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