



# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

April 7, 2024 – Second Sunday of Easter

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

Choral Introit "Rise Up With Him" J. Vogt

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: The tomb is empty, death has been defeated, and Christ is risen!

**People: Hallelujah! He is risen indeed! Let us proclaim the good news to all creation.**

Leader: In the resurrection, we find hope, redemption, and the promise of eternal life.

**People: May the truth of Christ's triumph over death fill us with courage and inspire us to live boldly for his kingdom.**

Leader: As we gather in this place, let us open our hearts to encounter the transformative power of the resurrection.

**People: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. Renew our faith, strengthen our resolve, and empower us to live as Resurrection people.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth, for he alone is worthy of all honor and praise.

**People: Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and forever. Amen!**

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

\*Opening Prayer  
**Gracious God, as we gather in this sacred space, we are reminded of Your promises, Your power, and Your presence among us. We come before You with hearts filled with gratitude and reverence, knowing that You are the God who makes a way where there seems to be no way. As we embark on this journey of worship and fellowship today, may Your Spirit move among us, opening our eyes to see the wonders of Your creation, the miracles of Your provision, and the beauty of Your love. Bless this gathering, Lord, and pour out Your grace upon each person present. Help us to perceive the new things You are doing in our midst, and grant us the courage and faith to embrace them wholeheartedly. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 43:16-20 Pew Bible pg. 672

Choral Anthem "This Is The Day" M. Hayes

\*New Testament Reading Romans 6:1-11 Pew Bible pg. 156

Message "Rise Up! Living Resurrected Lives!" Pastor Rodney Brailsford  
*Resurrection Power*

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn "In Christ Alone" *See Insert*

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

Invitation to the Lord's Table

UMH Pg. 9  
(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 "He Lives" UMH #310

\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude:

\*Please Stand if able

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