



# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

May 12, 2024 – Seventh 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

\*Hymn "He Has Made Me Glad" TFWS #2270

\*Call to Worship UMH Psalm 1

Leader: Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

**People: or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

Leader: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

**People: and on God's law they meditate day and night**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither.

**People: In all that they do, they prosper**

Leader: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

**People: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgement; nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,**

Leader: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

**People: But the way of the wicked will perish. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

\*Opening Prayer

**Heavenly Father, as we come before You in this time of worship and meditation, may our hearts and minds be fixed on You. May all distractions fade away and may we be fully present with You and With each other. May we be drawn ever closer to You, to each other, and to Your Church as brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.**

New Testament Reading Pew Bible pg. 111 John 17:6-19

\*Gospel Reading Pew Bible pg. 111 John 17:20-26

Message "Somebody Prayed" Rev. Debbie Rakos

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" UMH #496

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

Special Music "Above All" P. Baloché, L. LeBlanc

Invitation to the Lord's Table UMH Pg. 13  
*(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

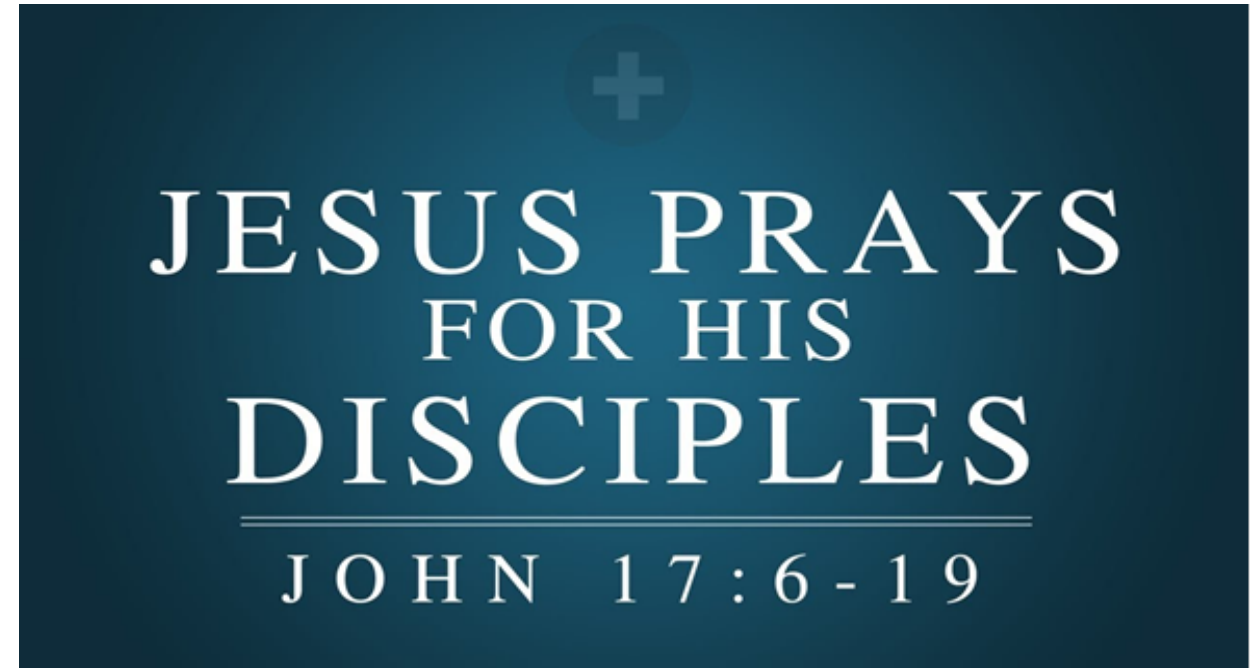
“My Life Is in You, Lord”

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\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

\*Please Stand if able



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