



# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

June 16, 2024 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*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 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" UMH #203

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Called to be Christ's body, we yearn for connection and growth.

**People: We seek to be branches in the vine, nurtured by God's love.**

Leader: Called to be light in the darkness, we reflect Christ's love.

**People: We endeavor to shine with compassion, bringing hope to those in need.**

Leader: Called to grow amid life's questions, we seek God's presence.

**People: We embrace God's nurturing care, finding strength in His guidance.**

Leader: Called to journey in faith, we witness God's enduring grace.

**People: We open our hearts to God's kingdom, praying that His will be done among us. Amen.**

\*Hymn "Sanctuary" TFWS #2164

\*Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, You not only shepherd the lost and comfort the afflicted, but You also guide us from our smallness into greatness. Lead us to touch the untouchable, listen to the hopeless, and deeply see the suffering of others. Open our hearts to Your presence and Your Word. Plant seeds of**

**love, hope, and peace within us. Nurture our faith and empower us to be channels of healing and mercy. May our worship please You, and Your Spirit move among us, causing the fruits of Your kingdom to flourish. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24 Pew Bible pg. 783

Special Music "The Lord's Prayer" Christian Brailsford  
A. H. Malotte

\*Gospel Reading Mark 4:26-34 Pew Bible pg. 26

Message "The Garden Within" 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 "For the Beauty of the Earth" UMH #92

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

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH #77

\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

\*Please Stand if able



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