

# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

June 23, 2024 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

**Laity Sunday – Rise Up! And Remain Committed to Love’s Teachings**

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gerry Hixson, CSM  
Lay Leader

\*Hymn

“I Love To Tell The Story”

UMH #156

\*Call to Worship

LEADER: We are called to hold tight to words that bring life.

**PEOPLE: We know God is speaking good news through scripture, song, and neighbors, both known and new to us.**

LEADER: We listen for grace at work in everything, for good, for life.

**PEOPLE: We know wise words serve Love’s purpose.**

LEADER: In all we say and do, we are learning what it means to be faithful – as those called “to serve and witness in deeds and words that heal and free.”

**PEOPLE: We thank God for the good news of Jesus’ love and healing words of life.**

\*Hymn

“In The Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

TFWS #2195

\*Opening Prayer

**God of hope and peace, you are with us in all our days and in all our ways. As you walked with our ancestors in the desert, when they had given up hope, you came to them with nourishment and your steadfast love. As Jesus walked through Jerusalem, healing the sick and those afflicted, your**

**love was made abundantly clear through acts of love and mercy. Be with us this day as we gather to hear your word. Inspire and encourage us in all that we do as laity, that we may serve you faithfully, bringing hope and your message of love to a needy world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. AMEN.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

UMH #881

Prayer of Confession

Silent Confession

Pardon

LEADER: The saying is sure: If we confess our sins, God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**PEOPLE: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Epistle Reading

Philippians 4: 4-8

Pew Bible pg. 198

Special Music

“Give Me Ears To Listen”  
Adriana Samargia, guest musician

T. R. Smith

\*New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 1: 6-13

Pew Bible pg. 211

Reflections:

Nancy McCarthy  
Monica Flint  
Allen Fidler

Congregational 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 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" UMH #399

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 "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH #600

\*Dismissal and Blessing  
Postlude

*\*Please Stand if able*

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