

NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

July 14, 2024 – Eighth 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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH #127

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us gather boldly in the presence of the Lord, who calls

us and empowers us for His mighty work.

People: We come, ready to follow Jesus, to serve, and to spread His

boundless love.

Leader: Just as Jesus summoned the twelve disciples, He calls each one

of us today, sending us forth with His divine authority.

People: We are here to receive Christ's teaching, to deepen our faith,

and to go forth as His unwavering witnesses.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord, who grants us strength and courage to

face every challenge, trusting wholly in God's provision and care.

People: With hearts open and spirits resolute, we come to worship, to

be transformed, and to live out our faith in Jesus' name.

Amen.

*Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

*Opening Prayer

Loving God, we come before you today, seeking your wisdom and understanding. You have called us to be your disciples, to go out into the world with love and compassion. Yet, you also teach us to care for ourselves so that we may serve others more fully. Help us to discern your will in our lives, granting us the wisdom to know when to give of ourselves. Protect our hearts and minds as we navigate the complexities of life. As we worship today, fill us with your Holy Spirit, guiding us in your truth and love. May we leave here empowered to live balanced lives, reflecting your grace and hospitality in all we do. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer for the Pastor

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading Colossians 3:12-17 Pew Bible pg. 201

Special Music "To The Ends Of The Earth" J. Houston, M. Sampson

*Gospel Reading Matthew 10:1-17 Pew Bible pg. 10

Message "Finding Space for Grace" 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 "Spirit of the Living God" UMH #393

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 "To God Be the Glory" UMH #98

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

*Please Stand if able

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