



# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

June 28, 2024 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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

\*Hymn "Spirit Song" UMH #347

\*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 139)

LEADER: O Lord, You have searched us and know us.

PEOPLE: **You search out our paths and our lying down, and are acquainted with all our ways. Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, you know it completely.**

LEADER: Where can we go from Your Spirit? Or where can we flee from Your presence?

PEOPLE: **If we ascend to Heaven, you are there; if we make my bed in the grave, you are there.**

LEADER: If we take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead us, and your right hand shall hold us fast.

ALL: **Search me, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there are any wicked ways in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. AMEN.**

\*Hymn "Open My Eyes" UMH #454

\*Opening Prayer

**Lord God, you in grace gave your only Son Jesus Christ, that we might be forgiven. But too often, Lord, we resist giving that same grace to others.**

**Forgive us this day, we pray, lead us in the ways that lead to you. And in the grace you have shown us, teach us that we might show grand forgiveness to others. AMEN.**

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading James 3: 7-18 Pew Bible pg. 230

Special Music "Amazing Love (How Can It Be)" B.J. Foote

\*Gospel Reading Matthew 5:21-24 Pew Bible pg. 4

Message "Offering Forgiveness" Rev. Anthony R.C. Hita

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 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" UMH #390

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

“Freely, Freely”

UMH #389

\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

\*Please Stand if able



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