



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

March 2, 2025 – Transfiguration Sunday

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

Prelude I Have Decided to Follow Jesus arr. Howell

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” UMH #334

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather on the mountain, where Christ is revealed in glory!

People: We come to behold His light and listen to His voice.

Leader: The radiance of Christ is not meant to be contained.

People: We are called to carry His light into a world in need.

Leader: With unveiled faces, we are transformed by Christ’s presence.

People: We go forth in faith, reflecting His glory in all we do! Amen.

*Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (Verses 1, 2, 4) UMH #384

*Opening Prayer

God of Light and Glory, you revealed the radiance of Christ on the mountaintop, confirming Your love and calling us to listen, to follow, and to be transformed. As we gather in worship, open our hearts to Your presence. Remove the veils that cloud our vision, that we may see Christ clearly and follow Him boldly. May Your Spirit shine in us, guiding us from glory to mission, that we may embody Your love in all we do. In the name of Jesus, the Light of the World, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Pew Bible pg. 180

Special Music I Need Thee Every Hour Mark Hayes

*Gospel Reading Luke 9:28-43 Pew Bible pg. 69

Message From Glory to Mission Pastor Rodney Brailsford

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn “How Great Thou Art” (Verses 1, 2, 4) UMH #77

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Prayer on a Norwegian Hymn Grieg/Price

*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

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 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (Verses 1, 2, 4) UMH #103

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude Testimony of Faith Ritter

*Please Stand if able



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