



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

June 1, 2025 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude Fill Me Now, O Spirit Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song “To God Be the Glory” vs. 1 and 3 UMH #98

*Call to Worship

Leader: Today we rejoice, for the Lord brings justice!

People: Everyone can see God’s glory.

Leader: Together we can love God and resist evil.

People: May God protect and strengthen us and all God’s people.

Leader: We are the Lord’s people –

People: Let’s celebrate and praise the One we know as God!

*Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation” vs. 1, 2,& 5 UMH #545

*Opening Prayer

Mighty God, we do rejoice because you are Lord of all life!

We come to worship you today, eager to give you thanks and praise.

Thank you for the ways you guard the lives of your beloved sons and daughters. Stand with us now, and breathe your Holy Spirit in this place, that we might honor you with our heads, our hearts, and our hands. AMEN

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Prayer of Confession

Loving and Patient God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us. Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us. Teach us to share openly and willingly with others. Forgive our selfishness and turn it into selflessness in service to you. Free us to live as your children who welcome, nurture, and love our neighbors as we learn to grow as disciples of Christ.

Silent Confession

Pardon

Leader: Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God! **AMEN.**

Old Testament Scripture Psalm 97 Pew Bible pg. 551

Special Music The Prayer Sager/Foster
Rachael Bodek, violin

*Gospel Reading John 17: 20-26 Pew Bible pg.111

Message Gerry Hixson, Lay Leader

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 “Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” vs. 1, 4, & 5. UMH #500

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Psalm Gordon Young

*Response Doxology, UMH #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” UMH #557

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude Lord of All Life Edward Broughton

*Please Stand if able

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