

## **NEWTOWN** United Methodist Church

June 22, 2025 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude Priere a Notre Dame Boellmann

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who long to live with purpose.

People: We are called not by applause, but by God's grace.

Leader: Even when others question our worth or calling, **People: Christ affirms our identity and sets us free.** 

Leader: Let us release the need for approval and walk in truth,

People: For we are here to worship the One who calls us by name. Amen.

\*Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133

## \*Opening Prayer

Gracious and calling God, You see us clearly, beyond the expectations of others, beyond the limits we've accepted, beyond the wounds of rejection. Today, we come to listen for Your voice above all others. Give us the courage to follow where You lead, even when the path is unfamiliar or unpopular. Help us let go of needing permission from anyone but You. Shape us by grace, anchor us in truth, and send us out in the boldness of Your Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading Galatians 1:6–17 Pew Bible pg. 187

Special Music Just a Closer Walk with Thee arr. Halberg

\*Gospel Reading Luke 4:16–30 Pew Bible pg.

Sermon Series Breaking the Chain Pastor Rodney Brailsford

"You Don't Need Their Permission"

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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS #2129

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory A Summer Hymn Shea

\*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!

\*Offertory Prayer

\*Hymn "Forward Through the Ages" UMH #555

\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude Echo Alleluia Blake

\*Please Stand if able

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