



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

August 3, 2025 – 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 “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” W. Daman

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” UMH #715

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come with hearts open to grace and growth.

People: We gather to be renewed by love and truth.

Leader: In God’s presence, we find courage to live with honesty.

People: In Christ, we discover the power of sincere connection.

Leader: Let us worship with joy, leaving fear behind.

People: And walk together in the freedom of God’s light.

*Hymn “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” UMH #402

*Opening Prayer

Gracious and Loving God, You see beyond our words and into our hearts. Meet us in this place with your healing presence. Where we are guarded, make us gentle. Where we are weary, bring renewal. Where we are silent, teach us to speak with grace and truth. Shape us into a people who reflect your light, your truth, and your love. In the name of Christ, who makes all things new, Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading Ephesians 4:25–32 Pew Bible pg. 194

Special Music

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5:21-26 Pew Bible pg. 4

Message “The Angry Smile” Pastor Rodney Brailsford

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn “Spirit of the Living God” (Sing 3 times) UMH #393

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory “Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing” F. Mendelssohn

*Offertory Prayer

*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!**

Invitation to the Lord’s Table (Gluten Free available), UMH Pg. 13

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.

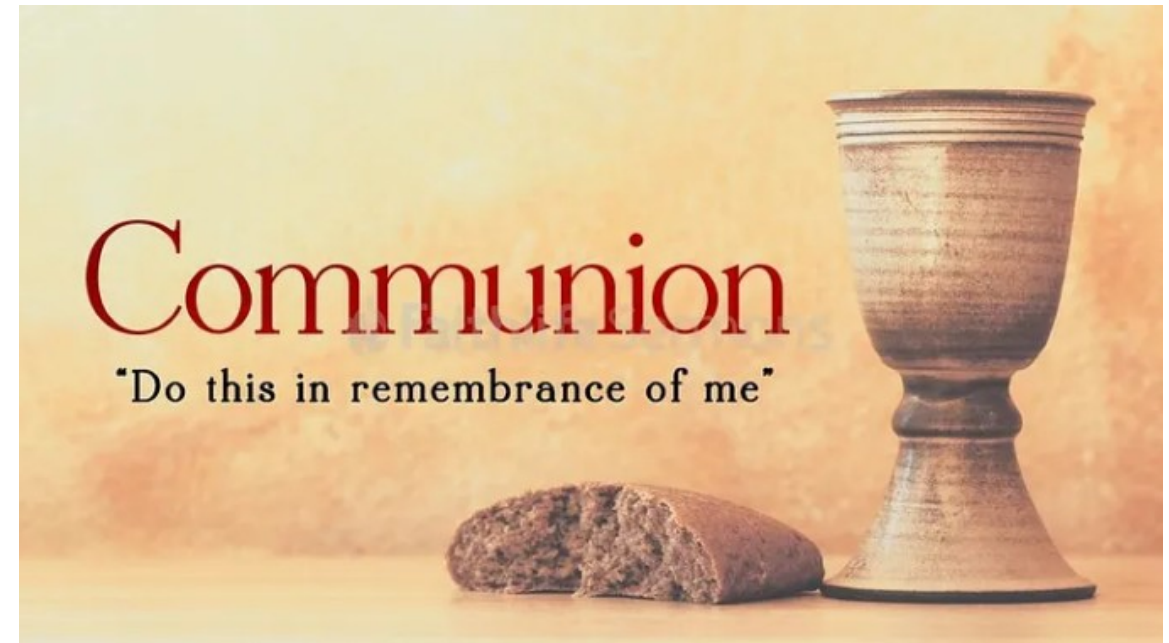
*Hymn "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" TFWS #2223

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude "Grace, Love and Fellowship" T. Fettke

*Please Stand if able

We Welcome Majorie Apple to NUMC. Majorie will be our guest organist for the month of August. She comes to us from New Hope Solebury UMC.



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