

# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

July 6, 2025 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude	National Hymn	Warren
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## Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song      “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”      UMH #402  
(Verses 1, 2 & 4)

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus asked, “Who do you say I am?”

**People:** You are the Christ, our Savior, our hope, our guide.

Leader: We come not just with answers, but with wonder.

**People: We come seeking to know You more deeply.**

Leader: Let our worship be our response to who You are.

**People:** With heart and mind, we proclaim: You are Lord! Amen.

\*Hymn                      “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”          UMH #400

\*Opening Prayer

Lord, You ask us, "Who do you say I am?" We confess, too often, that we shape You into what is comfortable, what fits our expectations, our fears, or our desires. But You are more than we imagine; more challenging, more merciful, and more faithful. So open our hearts today, not to a version of You, but to *You*, living, present, and calling us deeper. Help us to see You as You are, and in seeing You, be changed. In Your holy name, we pray. Amen.

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading                      Philippians 2:5–11                      Pew Bible pg. 197

Special Music	O Beautiful	Katherine Lee Bates
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\*Gospel Reading                      Matthew 16:13–20                      Pew Bible pg. 18

Sermon Series      *Questions Jesus Asked*      Pastor Rodney Brailsford  
**“Who Do You Say I Am?”**

## Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn	"Be Thou My Vision"	UMH #451
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## Invitation to Generosity

Offertory                      America, Thesaurus Musicus

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.**

\*Response Doxology, UMH #94

**Praise 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

“America the Beautiful”

UMH #696

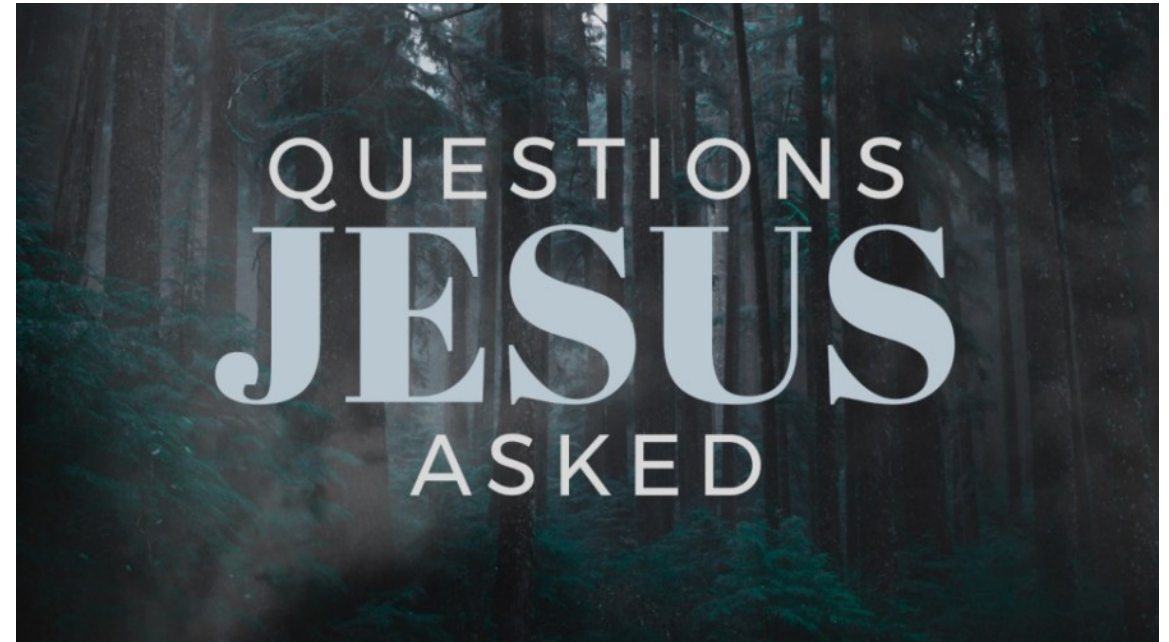
\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

Prelude in G Minor

Bach

\*Please Stand if able



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