



# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

August 17, 2025 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude “My Lord, What a Morning”

Welcome and Announcements

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

\*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 16)

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom!

**People:** Christ came to set us free. Now we come to worship to rediscover our freedom in Him through the cross.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**People:** For freedom Christ has set us free. Let us celebrate our freedom from fear, guilt, and anxiety.

**All:** Christ was born that we might be reborn; He lived to reveal the abundant life; He died that we might have life eternal; now He lives in us to give us power to set others free. Let us celebrate our freedom in our Lord Jesus Christ! **AMEN!**

\*Hymn “Take My Life, and Let It Be” UMH #399

\*Opening Prayer

**Gracious Lord, we come to claim Your undeserved love and unlimited forgiveness. You alone know what we have done that should not have been done, and all that we should have done that we fail to do. Your love will not let us go. Help us to learn how to love as You have loved us. We**

**often have cared more for principles than people, rules than responsible love, standards more than sacrifice. There is only one thing we know better than our failures—Your willingness to forgive and heal. We praise You for loving us as we are, but never leaving us there. AMEN!**

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Psalm Reading Psalm 119:33-55 Pew Bible pg. 567

Reflective Hymn “Blessed Assurance” UMH #369, vs. 1 & 3

\*Epistle Reading Galatians 5:1-6, 13-14 Pew Bible pg.190

Message “For Freedom” Rev. Anthony R.C. Hita

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 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” UMH #133

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory “Love Is Patient”

\*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!**

\*Hymn "I Am Thine, O Lord" UMH #419

\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude "On Eagle's Wings"

\*Please Stand if able

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

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