



# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

August 24, 2025 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude                      Bright Mansions Above

Welcome and Announcements

\*Hymn                      “This Is the Day of New Beginnings” (vs. 1-4)                      UMH #383

\*Call to Worship

Leader:                      The seasons of life shift and change, yet each holds its own beauty.

**People:                      In every moment, God’s love is steady.**

Leader:                      Endings make way for new beginnings, and nothing is ever wasted.

**People:                      God brings life and purpose from every season.**

Leader:                      We gather to celebrate the God who makes all things new.

**People:                      With joy and hope, we worship the Lord of every season.  
Amen.**

\*Hymn                      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”                      UMH #140

\*Opening Prayer

**Eternal God, You are faithful through every change and constant in every season. When life turns from summer’s brightness to autumn’s reflection, You remind us that endings are not the end, but the soil of new beginnings. As we gather in worship today, open our hearts to Your steady love. Teach us to trust You in times of joy and in times of challenge, and to see Your purpose in every season of our lives. We give You praise, for You are the Lord of yesterday, today, and forever. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

UMH #881

Prayer for the Pastor

Old Testament Reading                      Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, 14                      Pew Bible pg. 616

Special Music                      Accordion Selection                      Alice Mae Glover

\*Gospel Reading                      John 12:20-28                      Pew Bible pg.106

Message                      “When Seasons Shift”                      Pastor Rodney Brailsford

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                      “Hymn of Promise”                      UMH #707

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory                      Blessing

\*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                      “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”                      UMH #664

\*Dismissal and Blessing

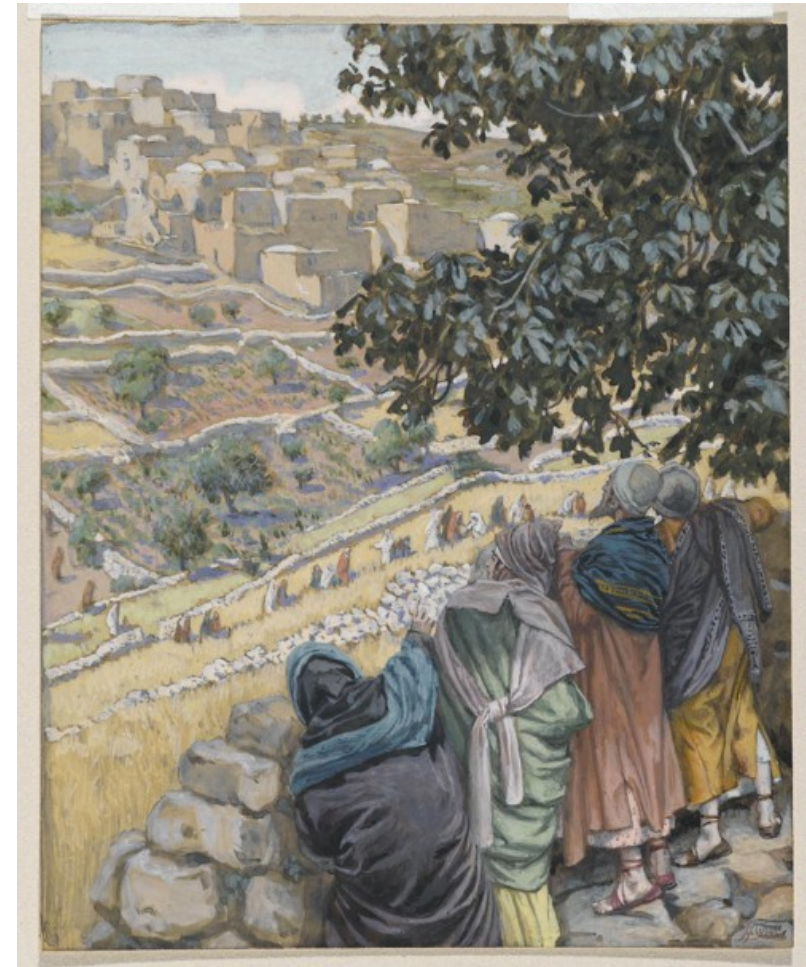
Postlude                      Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

\*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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