

# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

September 14, 2025 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude	Adoration	F.B. Price
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## Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn	"Come, Christians, Join to Sing"	UMH #158
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\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, let us seek a clear path together.

**People: We come to listen, to learn, and to walk in Christ's way.**

Leader: In a world of noise, God calls us to focus and follow.

**People: We turn our hearts to wisdom that brings peace.**

Leader: Christ calls us to go, not in confusion, but in purpose.

**People: We go with joy, to love, to serve, and to grow. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation” (Verses 1, 2, & 5) UMH #545

\*Opening Prayer

**Holy and guiding God, we come before You this morning seeking clarity in a noisy world. Where we have been scattered, bring focus. Where we have grown weary, renew our purpose. When we are tempted to do more instead of following You more deeply, slow us down. Remind us that Your way is not complicated, but faithful. Shape us into a church that follows Christ simply and wholeheartedly, with peace in our hearts and mission in our steps. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

## Prayer for the Pastor

New Testament Reading                      Acts 2:42–47                      Pew Bible pg.120

Special Music	Prelude Op. 28, No. 5	Chopin
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\*Gospel Reading                      Matthew 28:16–20                      Pew Bible pg. 34

Sermon Series               **Simple Church**  
  “Clear and Focused”               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	“Be Thou My Vision”	UMH #451
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## Invitation to Generosity

## Offertory

\*Response Doxology, UMH #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Offertory Prayer

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\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

Prelude in g minor BWV535

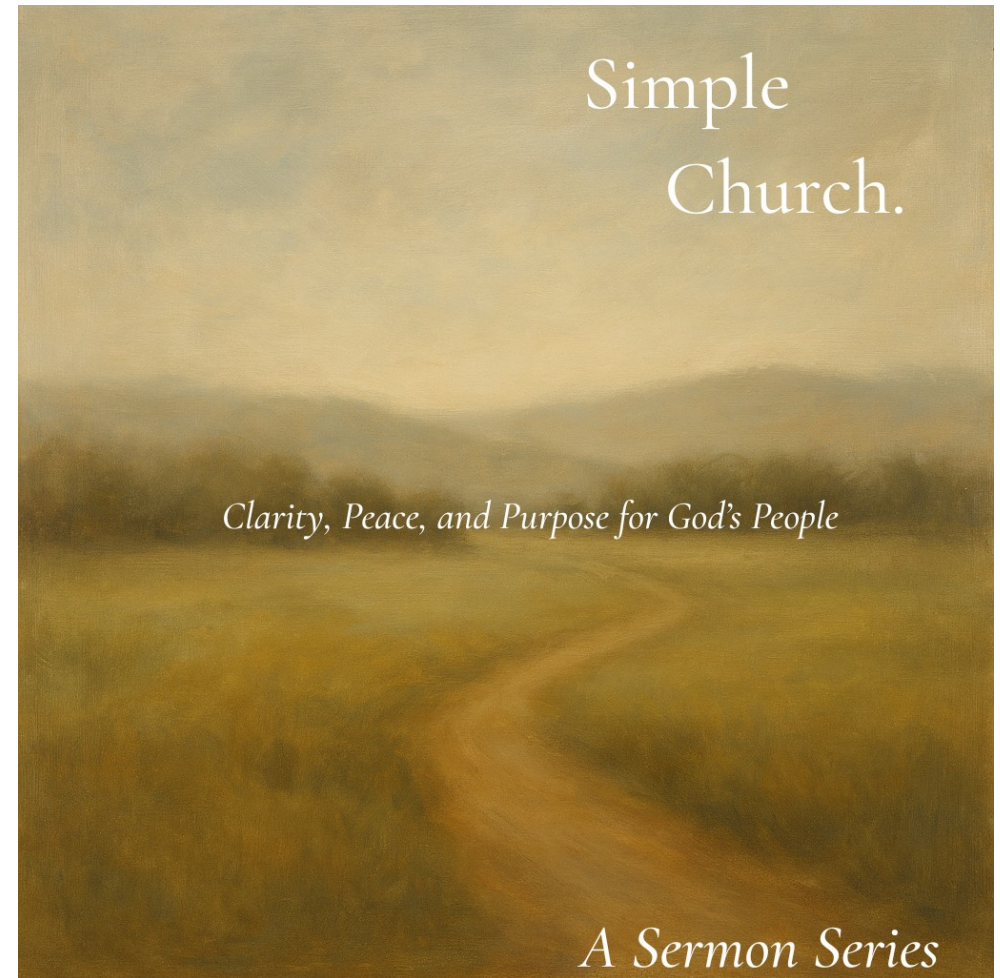
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\*Please Stand if able

*Today, we warmly welcome Duomi Liu from Westminster Choir College, who is joining us as a guest musician.*

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