



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

September 28, 2025 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude Jesus, Lover of My Soul S. Marsh

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH #64

*Call to Worship

Leader: We are many members, but one body in Christ.
People: Called to move together, love together, serve together.
Leader: God has given each gift not for self, but for the whole.
People: When we are aligned in Spirit, the Church flourishes.
Leader: Let us come together with one heart and one purpose.
People: To worship the One who makes us one. Amen.

*Opening Hymn “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds” UMH #557

*Opening Prayer
God of unity and purpose, You call us to be one body with many gifts. When hearts are joined in Christ, spiritual gifts flow freely, and our mission becomes clear. Align us today; our thoughts, our efforts, and our dreams, so that we may flourish together for Your glory. Break down the walls that divide us. Silence every voice of comparison, competition, and fear. Let love lead and let Christ be our common center. May we move forward as one: called, equipped, and sent to be a church that makes a lasting difference. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading Ephesians 4:11–16 Pew Bible pg. 194

Hymn of Preparation “Sanctuary” TFWS #2164
(Sing 3 times)

*New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10–17 Pew Bible pg. 168

Sermon Series **Simple Church** Pastor Rodney Brailsford
“Aligned for Impact”

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 “Spirit of the Living God” UMH #393

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory There Is a Balm in Gilead Spiritual, Trad.

*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

*Closing Hymn “Here I Am, Lord” UMH #593

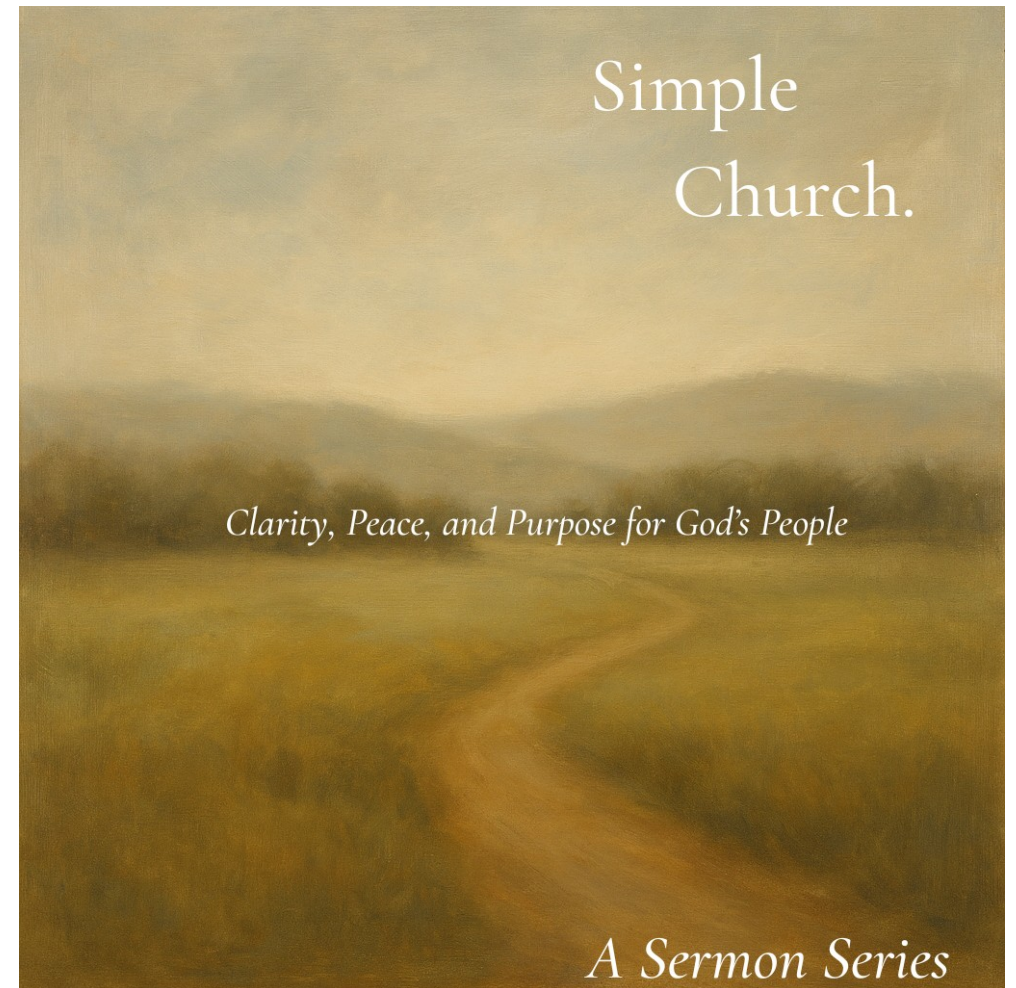
*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

Lord Jesus, Think of Me

W. Daman

*Please Stand if able



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