



# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

September 7, 2025 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude Majesty, Worship His Majesty J. Hayford

Welcome and Announcements

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

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who carry silent wounds and unspoken resentments.

**People: We come seeking release, not revenge.**

Leader: God sees what others overlooked, and still calls us to grace.

**People: We long to be free from the weight of the past.**

Leader: In Christ, there is a love deeper than bitterness and a mercy stronger than memory.

**People: Today, we come to worship the One who sets us free. Amen.**

\*Hymn “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy” UMH #121

\*Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, You know the hidden places in our hearts, where old wounds still ache and forgiveness feels out of reach. You see the stories we carry, the pain we compare, and the longing to be understood. Set us free today from bitterness that binds us, and teach us to release what we were never meant to hold. Remind us that we are not alone in our suffering, and that through Christ, healing is possible. As we worship, shape us into a people of grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith

UMH #881

Epistle Reading Hebrews 12:14–17 Pew Bible pg. 226

Special Music Living for Jesus C. Loughran & M. Apple

\*Gospel Reading Luke 15:11-32 Pew Bible pg. 78

Message “Now You Know How It Feels” Pastor Rodney Brailsford

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” UMH #390

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Communion Prayer A. Pote

\*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

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.**

\*Hymn "Freely, Freely" UMH #389

\*Dismissal and Blessing

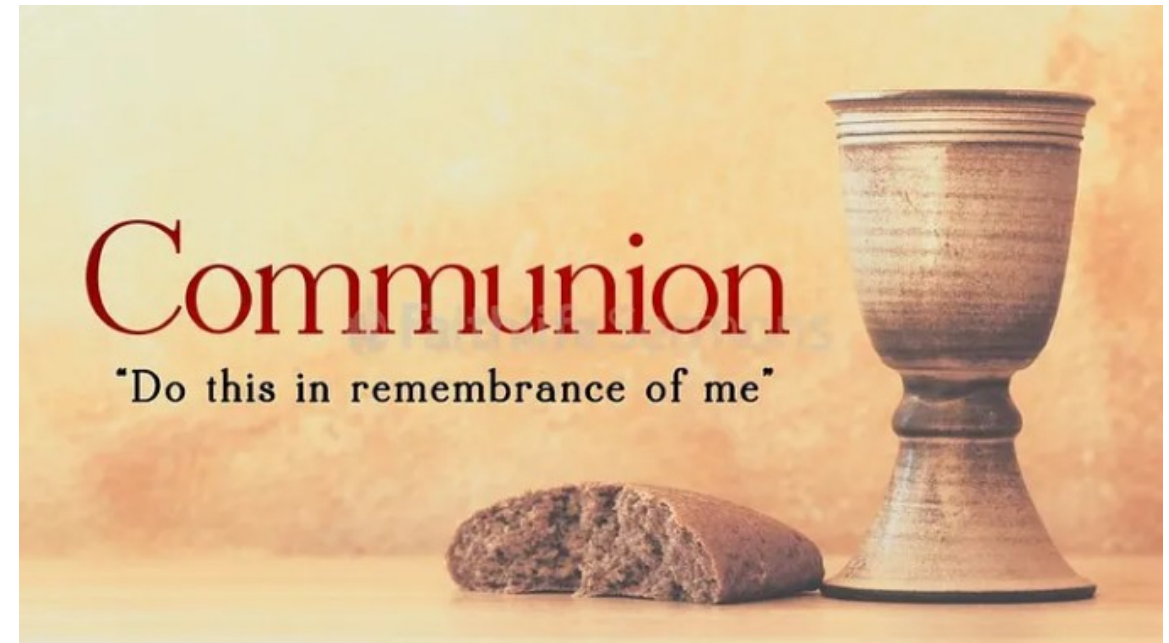
Postlude Love One Another J. Bell

\*Please Stand if able

We Welcome Majorie Apple to NUMC. Majorie will be our guest organist for the awhile. She comes to us from New Hope Solebury UMC.

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