

NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

October 12, 2025 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude	Trio Sonata in C Major, BWV 529: I. Allegro	J. S. Bach
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Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”	UMH #158
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*Call to Worship *(based on Philippians 2:12–16)*

Leader: Beloved in Christ, keep living out your faith, for God is already at work within you.

People: We come, open to the Spirit who shapes us and builds through us.

Leader: Do all things without fear or complaint, that your light may shine in a world that's watching.

People: We will live as children of God, carrying hope where it's hard to find.

Leader: Hold fast to the word of life, heaven's blueprint for the earth.

People: We will build with love, shine with grace, and walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn	"For the Beauty of the Earth"	UMH #92 <i>(Verses 1, 4, & 6)</i>
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***Opening Prayer**
God of heaven and earth, You are the architect of all that is good and true.
You have shown us the pattern of Your kingdom, a world built on mercy,
justice, and love. As we gather to worship, align our hearts with Yours.

Teach us to pray not just with words, but with lives that reflect Your design; that what is done in heaven might take shape here on earth. Through Jesus Christ, the living blueprint of Your will, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 65:17–25 Pew Bible pg. 696

Special Music	“Ride on, King Jesus” Chaequan Anderson	H. Johnson
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*Gospel Reading Matthew 6:5–13, 19-21 Pew Bible pg. 5

Message “Heaven Is the Blueprint” 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

*Closing Hymn “To God Be the Glory” UMH #98

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude Trio Sonata in C Major, BWV 529: I. Allegro J. S. Bach

*Please Stand if able



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