



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

October 19, 2025 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude Organ Sonata NO. 4 I. Allegro Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” UMH #715

*Call to Worship *(Based on Acts 17:27–28 & Psalm 34:8)*

Leader: The God who made the world is not far from any one of us.

People: In God we live and move and have our being.

Leader: The One who formed us still breathes life into every moment.

People: We awaken to God’s presence all around us.

Leader: Let us seek the Lord, who is nearer than our very breath.

People: With hearts open, we come to worship the Living God. Amen.

*Opening Hymn “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH #454

*Opening Prayer

Ever-present God, You are closer to us than the air we breathe, yet so often we rush past the quiet signs of Your presence. Slow us down this morning, so that we may taste and see Your goodness. Open our eyes to the beauty of Your world, our hearts to the wonder of Your grace, and our minds to the truth revealed in Christ. Teach us to find You not only in sacred moments, but in the ordinary flow of our days. As we lift our prayers and songs, let Your Spirit awaken in us a deeper awareness that in You we live and move and have our being. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading Hebrews 11:23–29 Pew Bible pg. 226

Choral Anthem Spirit of Life NUMC Choir
(Based on Music of Life by B. E. Boykin)

*Gospel Reading John 14:6–11 Pew Bible pg. 108

Message “Closer Than You Think” 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 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH #127

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 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” UMH #384

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude Organ Sonata NO. 4 II. Andate religioso Mendelssohn

*Please Stand if able



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