



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

March 15, 2026 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Rooted in Faith. Growing in Christ. Serving with Love.

Prelude Meditation arr. F.W. Asper

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” UMH #89

*Call to Worship *(translated from “The Oxyrhynchus Hymn”)*

Leader: Let the whole universe be silent, let even the angels of God be still.

People: **Let the luminous stars not sing, let the rushing winds and the surging of rivers cease.**

Leader: Let all be silent as we sing our hymn to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All: **Might, praise, and glory forever to God Almighty, the only giver of all good gifts! Amen! Amen! Let all the places and powers of Creation break their silence and join our praise, crying out in answer, “Amen! Amen!”**

*Opening Hymn “How Great Thou Art” UMH #77

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, we thank you for the ways in which you have made yourself known; we thank you for the stories that have opened our eyes to more of who you are, for the language that has brought the transcendent, timeless, mysterious God within our grasp. Lord of All Creation, we ask you to reveal more of yourself to us, to take us beyond the confines of familiar habits, to free us from the restrictions and distortions of our language, to expand our understanding of you so that we can love you whole heartedly and reflect your fullness to a world that needs you. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:14-26 Pew Bible pg. 668

Choral Anthem “I’m Going on a Journey” arr. Mark Hayes

Gospel Reading Matthew 8:23-27 Pew Bible pg. 8

Message “How Big Is Your God?” Rev. Anthony R.C. Hita

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 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God” UMH #152

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Instrumental

*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 “This is My Father’s World” UMH #144

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

Glory Be to God

arr. F.W. Asper

*Please Stand if able



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