



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

May 24, 2026 – Day of Pentecost

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

Prelude It Is Well with My Soul arr. Jerry Ray

Choral Introit “Come Down, O Love Divine” R.V. Williams

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “Sweet, Sweet Spirit” UMH #334
(Sing through twice)

*Call to Worship *(Inspired by Acts 2:1–4)*

Leader: On the day of Pentecost, the Spirit came like a rushing wind and filled God's people with power and purpose.

People: We come seeking the breath of God's Spirit to renew and awaken us today.

Leader: We gather remembering that freedom has always carried a cost, and we give thanks for those who served and sacrificed for others.

People: We remember with gratitude lives offered in service, courage, and love.

Leader: We gather in the presence of Christ, who gave Himself that we might be free indeed and poured out His Spirit upon the Church.

People: Let us worship God with grateful hearts, walking in the freedom, power, and love of Christ. Amen.

*Opening Hymn “My Country, 'Tis of Thee” UMH #697

Opening Prayer

Holy God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember with gratitude those who gave themselves in service and sacrifice for others. We thank You for courage, for lives offered beyond self, and for the greater freedom found in Jesus Christ, who gave His life that we might be free indeed. As on the day of Pentecost, pour out Your Spirit upon us. Free us from fear, bitterness, guilt, and all that keeps us from living fully as Your people. Lead us to walk in freedom, love, and purpose. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading Galatians 5:1, 13-16 Pew Bible pg.190

Choral Anthem “If Ye Love Me” Philip Wilby

Sacrament of Holy Baptism John James Emrick

*Gospel Reading John 8:31-36 Pew Bible pg. 101

Message “The Cost of Freedom” Pastor R. 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 “Amazing Grace” UMH #378
(Verses 1, 2, 4, & 6)

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*Response Doxology, UMH #94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Lift High the Cross" UMH #159

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude O Worship the King (*with Here I Am to Worship*) arr. A. L. Page

*Please Stand if able

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