



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

May 17, 2026 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “Christ for the World We Sing” UMH #568
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ calls us to carry peace, hope, and mercy into the world.

People: We come to be renewed in the presence of God.

Leader: We are called to reflect the life of Christ in the way we love and serve.

People: May our lives bear witness to the grace we have received.

Leader: In a weary and divided world, God sends us as people of light and peace.

People: Let us worship God, who fills our lives with the fragrance of Christ.

*Opening Hymn “The Gift of Love” UMH #408

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, You have called us to carry the presence of Christ into the world through the way we live, speak, serve, and love. As we gather for worship today, quiet the noise within us and draw our hearts again toward Your peace and truth. Shape us into people who reflect Your grace with sincerity, compassion, and faithfulness. Let this time of worship renew our spirits, deepen our faith, and remind us that our lives can become a witness to the hope and mercy of Christ. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading 2 Corinthians 2:14–17 Pew Bible pg.180

Special Music “My Tribute (To God Be the Glory)” arr. A. Crouch
Christian Brailsford, soloist

*Gospel Reading Luke 10:1–9 Pew Bible pg. 71

Message “What You Leave Behind” 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 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” TFWS #2171

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

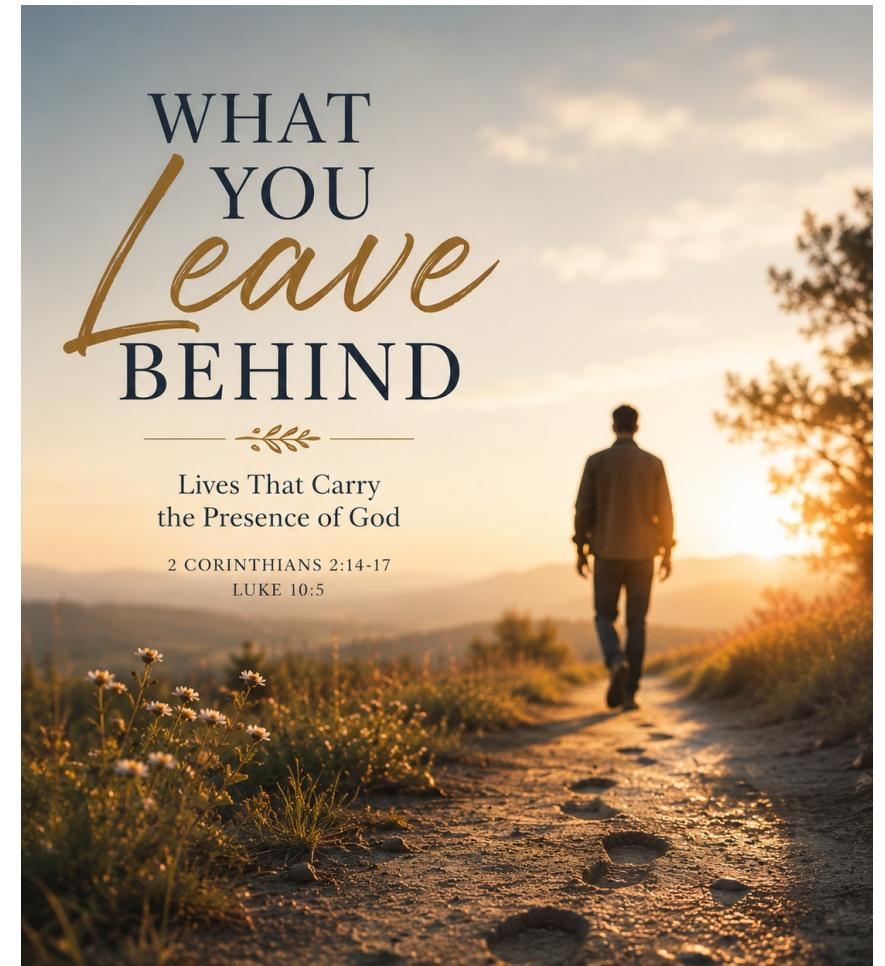
"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" UMH #438
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude:

*Please Stand if able

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