



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

May 3, 2026 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude Jesus Loves Me arr. Fred Bock

Choral Introit “We Walk in Love” Deanna Witkowski

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “Freely, Freely” UMH #389

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christ has set us free, not for self-indulgence, but to serve one another through love.

People: We come to worship the Lord who calls us to faith active in love.

Leader: In serving others with humility and mercy, we honor Christ Himself.

People: We come to be formed by His Spirit and taught His ways.

Leader: Let us walk in the Spirit and offer our lives in love and service.

People: We come to worship God and to be made ready for faithful living. Amen.

*Opening Hymn “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” TFWS #2223

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God, You have called us to freedom, not for ourselves alone, but for lives shaped by love and service. Gather us now in Your presence and form in us the mind of Christ. Teach us to walk by Your Spirit, to love with sincerity, and to serve with humility and joy. May this time of worship open our hearts, renew our strength, and make us more ready to follow where You lead. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading Galatians 5:13–16 Pew Bible pg. 190

Choral Anthem “Show Us How to Love” Mark A. Miller

*Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31–40 Pew Bible pg. 29

Sermon Series *More Than a Mission Statement* Pastor R. Brailsford
Serving with Love

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” UMH #581
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

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

Invitation to Communion (Gluten Free available), UMH Pg.13

Passing of the Peace

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.

*Closing Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" UMH #664

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude: Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Jerry Ray

*Please Stand if able



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