



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

August 9, 2026 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “God of the Ages” UMH #698

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord will be with us throughout these summer days.

People: He will guide us in our paths of service.

Leader: He will dance with us on our days of joy.

People: He will reach out to us when we are fearful.

Leader: Dear friends, Jesus is our guide and our pilot.

**People: No matter how rough our “seas,” Jesus brings us hope and peace.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn “Jesus Calls Us” UMH #398

Opening Prayer

Father God, you take our fears and turn them into triumphs. You remind us that you are always with us and that we do not need to fear the wind and waves of life. Encourage us to step out of the boat; to come across these difficulties into your redeeming and transforming love. Give us courage and strength, joy and peace for all of the times ahead. AMEN.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Prayer for the Pastor

Prayer of Confession

God is with us, Christ is present, the Holy Spirit surrounds us and unites us all. But we have turned our eyes to the challenges of this life, lost our focus on God, and are sinking in sin. We can begin again. We can imagine a new way of being. We have cast aside our dreams to maintain the familiar. We have cast aside the dreams of others, fearful of what they might mean. In these moments of quiet reflection, let us confess to God all that separates us from God and from one another.

Silent Confession

Pardon

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! Let us keep our focus on Jesus. We are called precious by our Lord, and he will never fail us. AMEN.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 77: 13-19 Pew Bible pg. 537

Special Music “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” Crocker/Houston/Ligthelm
Alex Farah, Soloist

Gospel Reading Matthew 14: 21-33 Pew Bible pg. 16

Message “Get Out of the Boat!” Gerry Hixson, Lay Leader

Congregational 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 “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” see insert

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

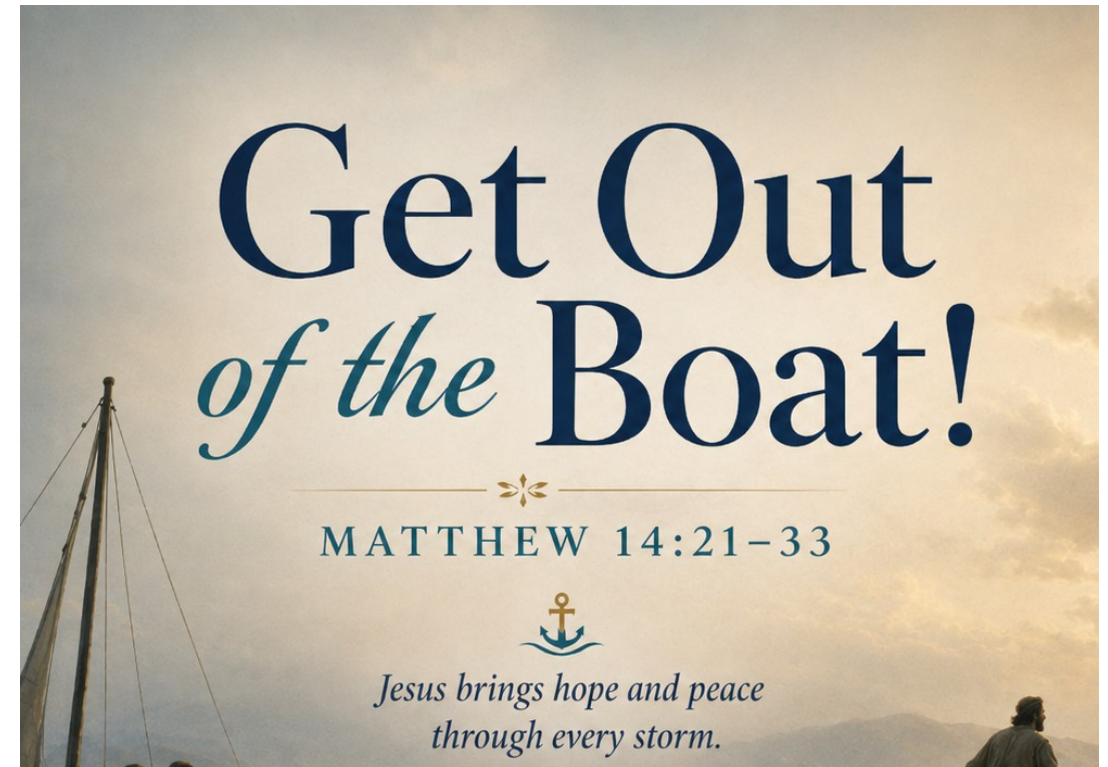
“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

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*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude:

*Please Stand if able



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