



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

September 27, 2026 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn Abide with Me UMH #700
(Verses 1, 3, 5)

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and hears the cries of His people.

People: We come with our burdens, our questions, and our sorrow.

Leader: Jesus wept with those who mourned and stood beside them in their grief.

People: We trust in the compassion of Christ, who meets us where we are.

Leader: Come, let us draw near to God with honest hearts.

People: We will worship the Lord, who is faithful in every season of life. Amen.

*Opening Hymn Nearer, My God, To Thee UMH #528
(Verses 1, 2, 3)

*Opening Prayer

Merciful God, we come before You carrying the joys and sorrows of our lives. You know the grief we speak aloud and the pain we carry quietly. In Jesus Christ, You have shown us a Savior who does not stand far from human sorrow, but draws near, weeps with those who weep, and shares the burdens of His people. Be present with us in this hour. Quiet our hearts, receive our prayers, and help us to trust You even when we do not

understand Your ways. Speak to us through Your Word, and remind us that in every season, especially in times of loss, we are never beyond Your care. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Pew Bible pg. 204

Hymn Amazing Grace UMH #378
(Verses 1, 3, 5)

*Gospel Reading John 11:1-44 Pew Bible pg.104

Message “Miracle of Tears” David DelBianco

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 of Response “Here I Am, Lord” UMH #593

*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*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

Standing on the Promises

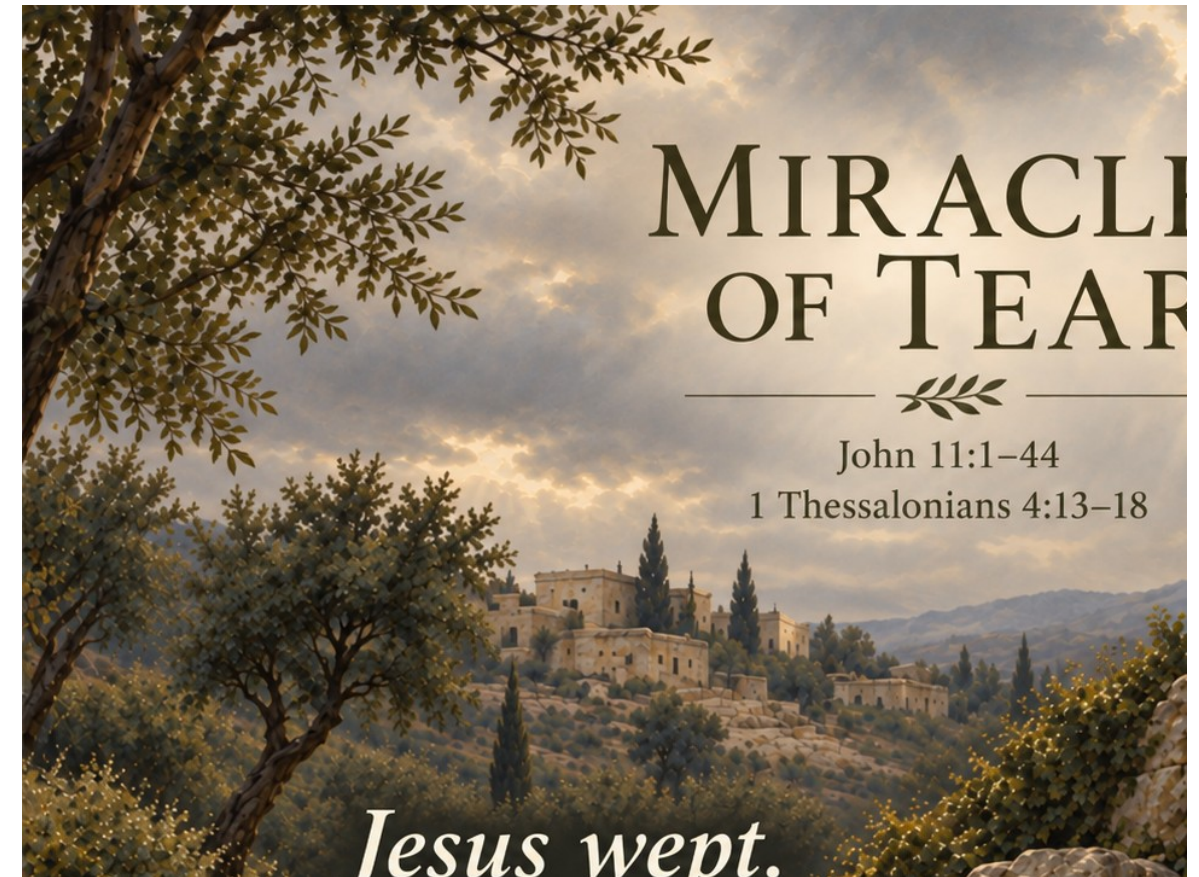
UMH #374
(Verses 1, 2, 4)

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

*Please Stand if able

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