



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

September 6, 2026 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “This Is My Father’s World” UMH #144
(Verses 1 & 3)

*Call to Worship

Leader: In the beginning, God spoke, and light broke through the darkness.

People: God’s Word brings life, order, and hope.

Leader: God has given us voices too, words that can encourage, heal,
teach, and build.

People: May our words reflect the goodness and grace of God.

Leader: Come, let us listen for the Word that still brings light into the world.

**People: And may God shape our hearts, our lives, and the words we
speak. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn “How Great Thou Art” UMH #77
(Verses 1 & 3)

Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, You spoke into the darkness and called forth light. Through
Your Word, creation took shape, and You called it good. As we worship
today, quiet the noise around us and within us so that we may hear Your
voice more clearly. Teach us to recognize the power of the words we**

**speak and to use them with truth, wisdom, kindness, and love. Where our
words have wounded, correct us; where silence is needed, give us
restraint; and where someone needs encouragement, give us courage to
speak. Shape our hearts so that what comes from our mouths reflects the
grace of Christ. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1–5 Pew Bible pg. 1

Congregational Hymn “Open My Eyes, That I May See” UMH #454
(Verses 1 & 3)

New Testament Reading James 3:5–10 Pew Bible pg. 230

Message “Words That Make a World” Pastor R. Brailsford

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Response “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak” UMH #463
(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 UMH Pg.13
(Gluten Free available)

*Passing of the Peace

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

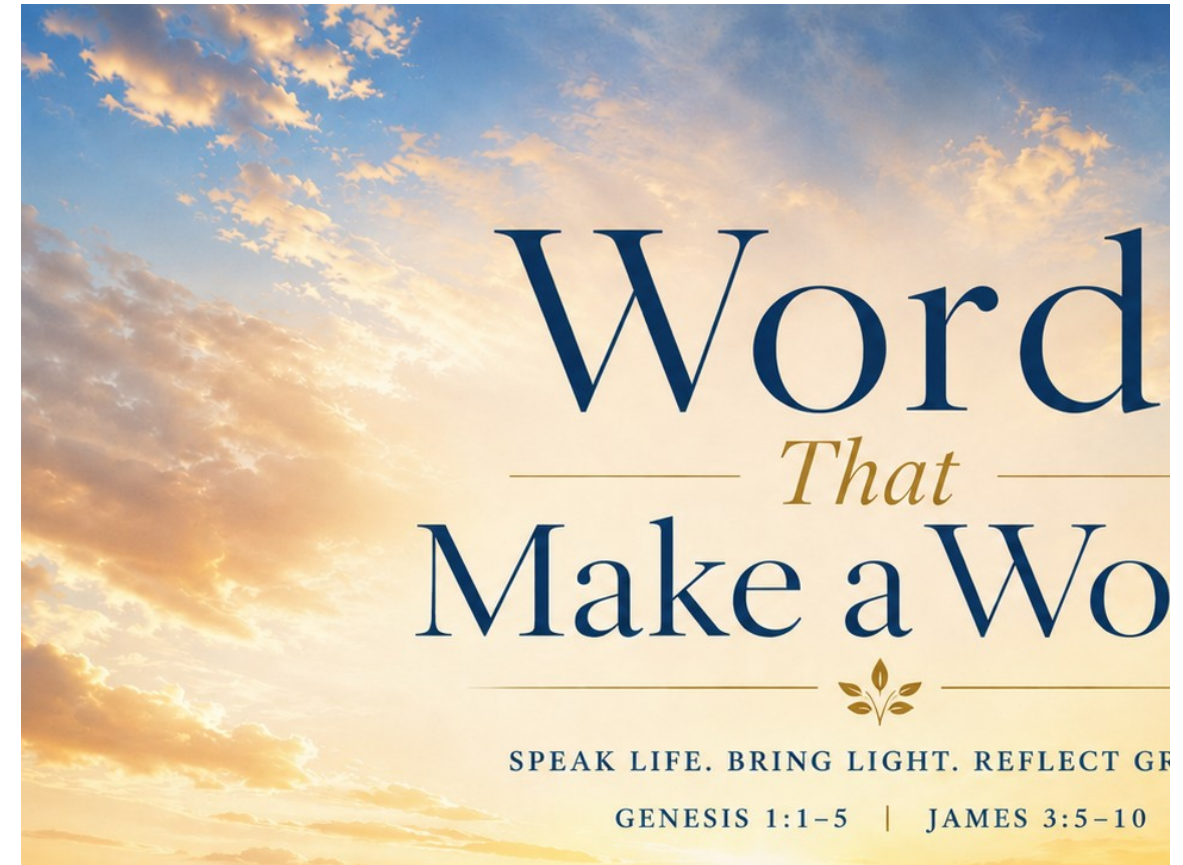
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude:

*Please Stand if able



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