NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

November 1, 2026 – All Saints' Sunday

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

Prelude

Choral Introit "For All the Saints" R. Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn "The Church's One Foundation" UMH #545
(Verses 1 & 5)

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather as people called by God, not because we are perfect, but because we are loved.

People: By God's grace, we are called to lives of faith and holiness.

Leader: We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us and the faithful who walk beside us.

People: Through ordinary lives and acts of love, God's goodness continues to shine.

Leader: Christ calls us to remain in his love and bear fruit that will last.

People: May our lives reflect his love, today and for generations to come. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH #140

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we gather today with grateful hearts, remembering the faithful lives that have shaped our journey and celebrating the grace that continues to work among us. You call us your saints, not because we are perfect, but because we belong to you. Open our hearts to recognize your presence in the ordinary moments of life and in the people who surround us. Teach us to love as Christ has loved us, to serve with humility, and to reflect your goodness in all we do. May our faith be more than a name we carry; may it be a living witness to your grace, bringing hope and compassion into the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 1:2–9 Pew Bible pg. 165

Choral Anthem "I Will Exalt You, O My Lord (Psalm 30)" A. D. Miller

Gospel Reading John 15:9–17 Pew Bible pg.109

Message "More Than a Name" Pastor R. Brailsford

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn of Response "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384
(Verses 1 & 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

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

| *Jane Bowman* | *Nancy Daney* | *Robert Galambas* | *Delores Luff* | *Sandy Porzig* |

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.

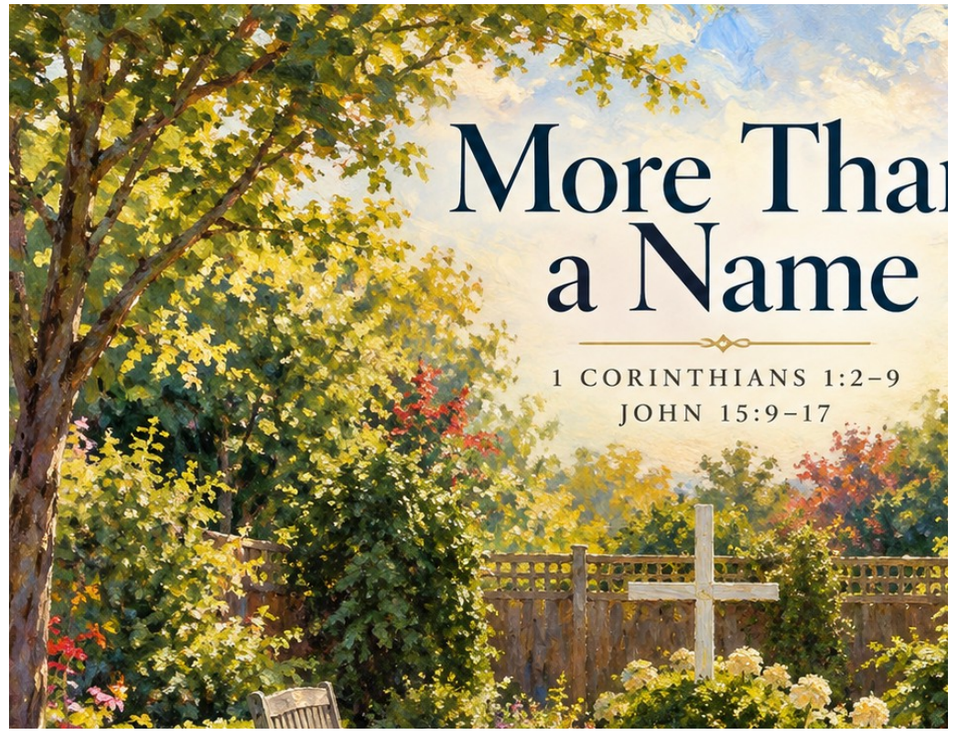
*Closing Hymn "Sing with All the Saints in Glory" — UMH #702
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude:

*Please Stand if able

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