



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

October 11, 2026 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH #127
(verses 1 & 2)

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 100)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.
People: **Come into God’s presence with singing!**
Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are
God’s people.
People: **We are the people of God and the sheep of God’s pasture.**
Leader: Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving and God’s courts with praise.
People: **Give thanks to God and bless God’s holy name.**
Leader: For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.
People: **God’s faithfulness continues through all generations. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” UMH #57
(verses 1, 2, 3 & 7)

*Opening Prayer
Gracious and loving God, we come before you with grateful hearts, giving thanks for your goodness and praising you for your steadfast love. Gather us into your presence this day. Open our hearts to your Word, our voices to your praise, and our lives to the movement of the Spirit among us. May all that we say and do in this time of worship bring honor and glory to you. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Old Testament Reading Psalm 22:22-31 Pew Bible pg. 501

Special Music Piano Solo Pat Guth

New Testament Reading Acts 1:1-8 Pew Bible pg. 118

Message “When God Is Your Travel Agent” Phil Newcomer

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

"I Love to Tell the Story"

UMH #156
(verses 1, 3, & 4)

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

*Please Stand if able

We welcome Phil Newcomber to the pulpit today! It's great to see him back in Newtown!

We also welcome back Pat Guth to play for today's service.

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