

NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

May 5, 2024 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Worship is a time to move close to God and receive spiritual energy for living courageously and serving others faithfully.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Intro	it "The Great Forerunner Of The Morn"	Lewis	
*Call to Wor	ship		
Leader:	r: In the quiet of our hearts, let us gather, knowing that though Go		
	may seem silent, His presence is ever near.		
People:	Though our prayers may appear to go unheard, let us trust in		
	the faithfulness of the Almighty, who never forsakes His	3	

promises. Leader: Like Zechariah and Elizabeth, who waited long for a child, let us remain steadfast in our hope, for God's timing is perfect, even in

People: As we gather in His name, may we be reminded that God's

- silence does not equate to absence, but rather a call to deepen our trust and reliance on His unwavering love.
- Leader: Let us lift our voices in praise, knowing that even in the stillness, God is working wonders beyond our comprehension.
- People: With hearts open and spirits attuned to His presence, let us worship the God who speaks volumes in His silence, drawing us closer to His eternal embrace. Amen.

*Hymn

*Opening Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, we yearn for your Word to break through the silence and illuminate our path during times of uncertainty. Yet even in the silence, your faithfulness remains unwavering. You are the God who hears our souls' whispers, sees the depths of our struggles, and holds us in the palm of your hand. Strengthen our faith, O God, to trust in your perfect timing. May we find solace in your presence, knowing that even in the silence, you are at work, weaving together the tapestry of Your divine plan. May we listen with open hearts and willing spirits, ready to receive Your Word with joy and gratitude. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith		UMH #881
Old Testament Reading	Malachi 4:1-6	Pew Bible pg. 890
Choral Anthem	"This Is The Record Of John"	Orlando Gibbons
*New Testament Reading	Luke 1:5-7, 11-17	Pew Bible pg. 56
Message	"See Through the Silence"	David DelBianco
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Closing 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.

UMH #541 *Hymn "See How Great a Flame Aspires"

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*Response	Doxology, UMH #94		IDICT
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;			CHRISIA
Prais	se God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Allel		
	Praise God, the source of all our gifts!		
	Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!		
Prais	se the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allel		
*Offertory Praye	er		3 11 10
*Hymn	"Lo, He comes with Clouds Descending"	UMH #718	

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

*Please Stand if able

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