NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

August 4, 2024 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Opening Hymn "Hymn of Promise" UMH #707

*Call to Worship

Leader: "Blessed be the Lord, who has given rest to his people Israel according to all that he promised;"

People: "**Not one word has failed of his good promise, which he spoke through his servant Moses."** *(I Kings 8:56)*

Leader: Sometimes in life the Promised Land is entered by the faithful.

People: **"Whoever takes refuge in me shall possess the land."** *(Isaiah 57:13b)*

Leader: But sometimes it's just viewed from a distance

People: **Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Leader: Take the Long View, and trust that God is good.

*Opening Prayer Freedom in Christ UMH #360 (in unison)

Gracious God, make me sensitive to all the evidences of Your goodness; and may I, trusting in You, free myself of the terror of death, and feel free to live intensely and happily the life You have given me. Amen.

*Song Response "Through It All" UMH #507 (sing twice)

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Scripture Lesson Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Pew Bible pg. 191

*Hymn "Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom" UMH #508

Message "Take the Long View" Rev. Steven C. Morton

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "Blessed Assurance" UMH #369

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory Prayer

*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 the Lord's Table UMH Pg. 13
(*Gluten Free option 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 Chorus “Through It All” UMH #507 (sing twice)

*Closing Versicle: Luke 2:29-31

Leader: “Master, you are now dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;”

People: “**for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples**.”

Postlude

*Please Stand if able

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