



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

July 7, 2024 – Seventh 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

*Hymn "America the Beautiful" UMH #696

*Call to Worship

Leader: In a world where familiarity can breed doubt, we gather to encounter the extraordinary.

People: We come with open hearts, ready to witness God's power and grace anew.

Leader: Like Jesus returning to his hometown, let us approach God with expectant faith.

People: We bring our hopes and fears, trusting in God's response.

Leader: Jesus empowered his disciples to heal and proclaim the kingdom.

People: May we, too, be empowered by God's Spirit to bring healing and hope.

Leader: Let us worship God, who calls us to his transformative work.

People: Embraced by God's love, we come as we are, eager to be instruments of peace and grace.

*Hymn "The Summons" TFWS #2130

*Opening Prayer

Loving God, we come before you with hearts open to your guidance and grace. Though we sometimes lose our way and become distracted by the world around us, we seek to realign our lives with your call. Help us to be patient, understanding, accepting, and compassionate. Remove the barriers that prevent us from seeing your presence and embracing opportunities to share your love. Empower us with your Spirit of renewal so we may joyfully proclaim the hope and promise of your presence. We gratefully affirm that your love always welcomes, comforts, and heals us. Be with us now in this time of worship and help us to embrace you as you continually embrace us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 2:1-5 Pew Bible pg. 770

Special Music

*Gospel Reading Mark 6:1-13 Pew Bible pg. 40

Message "Faith Beyond Familiarity" Pastor Rodney Brailsford

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" UMH #697

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 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

*Hymn "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

*Please Stand if able



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