

# **NEWTOWN** United Methodist Church

October 26, 2025 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude Organ Sonata No. 4, III. Allegretto Mendelssohn

Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" UMH #89

\*Call to Worship

Leader: When I think of God's presence in the world, I am grateful:

People: Grateful for the presence of hope; grateful for the gift of life.

Leader: And when I think about God's presence in my life, I am humbled:

People: Humbled by the gift of grace; humbled by the invitation to

begin again.

Leader: And when I think of God's presence in this community, I am glad:

People: Glad to be surrounded by holy people worshipping our Holy

God today!

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

## \*Opening Prayer

God of power and might, let us feel your presence with us this morning. We hear your call to be faithful lay witnesses. Let us dream our wildest dreams of loving one another and loving the communities we serve. Help us make disciples for Jesus Christ all over this world, disciples who will transform our world to be one on fire for God. Cover us with your love, that we may be your people, serving others with care and compassion. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

# **Prayer of Confession**

We have sinned against you and one another, Lord. We have not loved you wholly. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved kindness, pursued justice, or walked humbly with you. We have not shared the good news with our lips or in our lives. We have not lived worshipfully. Lord, in your mercy, hear our confession.

Silent Confession

### Pardon

Leader: The saying is sure: If we confess our sins, God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Old Testament Reading Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c Pew Bible pg. 554

Special Music "The Call" (from Five Mystical Songs) R.V. Williams Scott Johnson, soloist

\*New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Pew Bible pg. 211

Introduction of Speakers

Reflections
Cami Haneman
Rich Selah

Congregational Prayer

**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.

\*Hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

UMH #334

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 "Lift High the Cross"

UMH #159

\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude Variations de Concert No. 1

J. Bonnet

\*Please Stand if able

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