



# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

December 7, 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Monica & Oliver Flint

Response to Lighting of the Candle

UMH #211

(All sing verses 1 & 2 in unison)

*O come, O come, Emmanuel. And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here. Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11

Pew Bible pg. 667

Special Music

“O Rest in the Lord” (from *Elijah*)  
Jenna L. Sims, Soloist

Mendelssohn

\*Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2–6

Pew Bible pg.11

Message

“The Ache for Something More”

Pastor R. Brailsford

Pastoral Prayer

\*Hymn

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

UMH #218

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

(Instrumental)

\*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**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Prelude Trio Sonata No. 5 in C Major, III. Allegro J.S. Bach

Choral Introit A Choral Offering NUMC Choir

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We come today with a longing we cannot always name.

**People: God hears the deep ache of our hearts.**

Leader: In our searching, our hoping, and our waiting,

**People: Christ meets us with comfort and a peace the world cannot give.**

Leader: Let us open our lives to Christ who comes to guide us.

**People: With expectant hearts, we worship the God who is more than enough. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” UMH #213

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

\*Opening Prayer

**God of all comfort and hope, we come to You with hearts that long for Your presence. In our searching, our waiting, and our hunger for something deeper, meet us with the peace that only You can give. Open our ears to Your promise, open our eyes to Your nearness, and open our lives to the grace You are already bringing. Prepare our hearts this Advent, that we may welcome Christ with joy and trust. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

(Gluten Free available) UMH Pg. 13

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 Hymn

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

UMH #203

\*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

Air

A. Boëly

\*Please Stand if able

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# PEACE

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU,  
MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU.

JOHN 14:27

