



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

March 22, 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Rooted in Faith. Growing in Christ. Serving with Love.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” vs. 1,2 & 4

*Call to Worship

Leader: Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God’s mercy.

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

People: We watch for God, whose power redeems us.

Leader: Hear God’s hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

People: Sing praise to God and rejoice in God’s love.

Prayer Of Confession

Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering. When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs. Come to us, O God.

Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness, that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. Amen.

Hear us as we pray in silence...

Silent Confession

Leader: There is forgiveness and healing with God. God’s steadfast love has the power to redeem our brokenness and make us whole.

People: AMEN

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 130

Message

“Sinners-Not the Movie!”

Gerry Hixson

Congregational 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

“Just As I Am”

vs. 1,2,3 & 5

Offering and Prayer of Gratitude

Blessing

Fellowship Breakfast

*Please Stand if able

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