



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

May 10, 2026 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude Organ Sonata No. 4, II Mendelssohn

Choral Introit "As This Broken Bread" W. L. Wold

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn "God of Grace and God of Glory" UMH #577
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

*Call to Worship

Leader: In times of fear and uncertainty, God still calls people to rise with courage.

People: We come seeking the wisdom, strength, and direction of God.

Leader: Christ says, "You are the light of the world."

People: May our lives reflect the light of Christ with faithfulness and love.

Leader: God calls us not to remain hidden, hesitant, or afraid.

People: We gather to worship the One who gives courage, clarity, and Hope. Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" Hymn #451

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, in every generation You raise up people of wisdom, courage, and faith to bring light into uncertain times. Quiet our fears, strengthen our hearts, and open our lives to Your presence this day. Teach us to trust You more deeply, to follow You more faithfully, and to reflect

the light of Christ in the world around us. May our worship draw us closer to You and shape us into a people of compassion, courage, and hope. Through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Prayer for the Pastor Gerry Hixson, Lay Leader

Old Testament Reading Judges 4:4–10 Pew Bible pg. 220

Special Music "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" arr. J. Schrader
Christian Brailsford, soloist

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13–20 Pew Bible pg. 4

Message "Called to be Light" Pastor R. Brailsford

Pastoral 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 "Here I Am, Lord" UMH #593
(Verses 1 & 3)

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

*Closing Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" Hymn #206

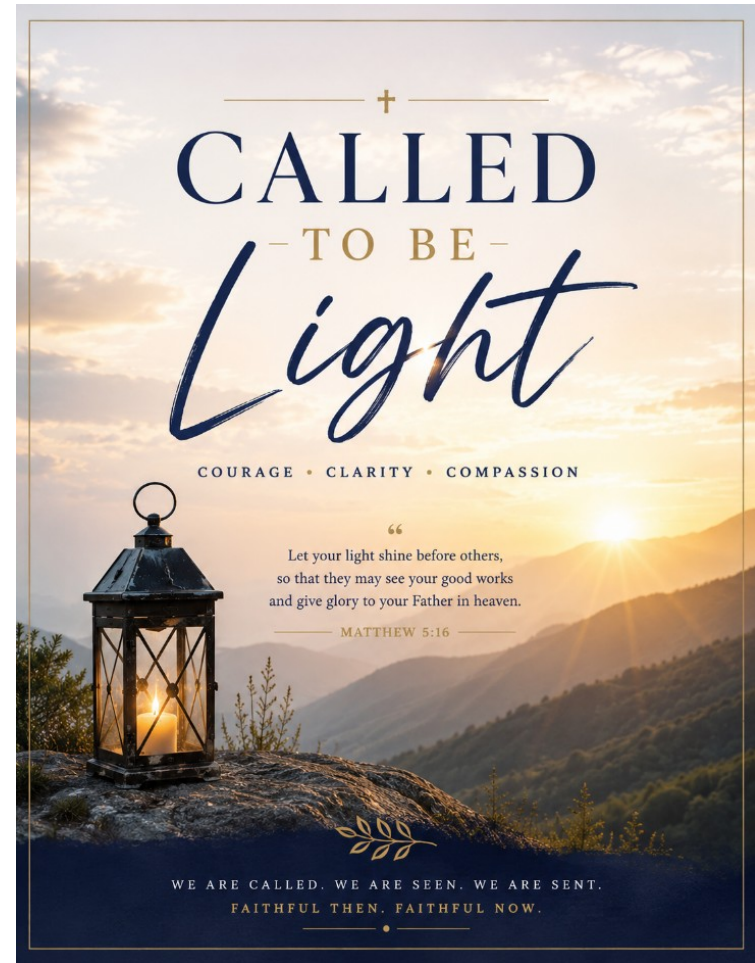
*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude: Organ Sonata No. 4, III Mendelssohn

*Please Stand if able

- Wishing All Mothers a Blessed Mother's Day -

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