NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

June 21, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH #384
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

*Call to Worship
Leader: God calls us to serve with willing hearts.
People: We offer our lives in gratitude and love.
Leader: No act of faithfulness is too small in God's kingdom.
People: God uses every gift for His purposes.
Leader: Come, let us worship the One who served us first.
People: We come to worship, to serve, and to follow Christ together. Amen.

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

Opening Prayer
Gracious God, thank You for gathering us in worship today. Open our hearts to the example of Christ, who served with humility, compassion, and love. Teach us to notice the needs around us and to offer ourselves faithfully in the places where You have called us. May our words, our actions, and our lives reflect Your grace. Strengthen us for service, deepen our love for one another, and help us follow Jesus with willing hearts. In His holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

New Testament Reading Acts 9:36–42 Pew Bible pg. 128

Special Music "The Lord's Prayer" A. H. Malotte
Scott Johnson, Soloist

*Gospel Reading John 13:1–17 Pew Bible pg. 107

Sermon Series *God Uses People Like Us* Pastor R. Brailsford
The Ministry Nobody Wanted to Lose

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 "In Christ Alone" W&S #3105

*Passing of the Peace

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 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" UMH #664

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude:

*Please Stand if able

Happy Father's Day!

May God bless all fathers and those who have faithfully nurtured and guided others.

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