



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

July 12, 2026 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” UMH #400

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come from a world that tells us to do more, achieve more, worry more, and carry more.

People: We come to the One who says, "Come to me... and I will give you rest."

Leader: We come with visible burdens and invisible ones: concerns for family, work, health, the future, and the quiet struggles known only to God.

People: We come trusting that Christ restores weary souls.

Leader: Today, let us set down what the world has placed upon our shoulders and take up the yoke of Christ.

People: With grateful hearts, we come to worship our gentle Shepherd and our faithful Savior. Amen.

*Opening Hymn “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with the joys and burdens of another week. Some of us are grateful, some are weary, and some are carrying concerns known only to You. Lead us beside still waters and

restore our souls. Quiet the voices that tell us we must always do more, achieve more, and carry more. Help us hear the gentle invitation of Christ: “Come to me.” Open our hearts to Your Word, renew us by Your Spirit, and draw us closer to the heart of Jesus. In His holy name we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Prayer for the Pastor Gerry Hixson, Lay Leader

Psalm Reading Psalm 23 Pew Bible pg. 501

Special Music “Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring” J. S. Bach, arr. M. Hess
Domi Liu, Piano

*Gospel Reading Matthew 11:28–30 Pew Bible pg. 12

Message “The Exhausted Soul” 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 “Blessed Assurance” UMH #369

*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

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

UMH #127

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude:

*Please Stand if able



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