

# NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

August 16, 2026 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

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\*Call to Worship

Leader: Through every season and every change, God remains faithful.

**People:** The Lord stands beside us and gives us strength.

**Leader:** When the way ahead is uncertain, God's presence is sure.

**People:** Christ holds us in a love that will not let us go.

**Leader:** Come, let us worship the One who is faithful in every season.

**People: We come to trust and praise the God who stays. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn      “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”      UMH #117  
(Verses 1, 2, 3, & 6)

## Opening Prayer

**Gracious God, we come with thankful hearts, grateful for this day and for the gift of gathering in Your presence. Open us to the joy of worship and the hope found in Your Word. Through prayer, song, and Scripture, refresh our spirits and deepen our trust in Your steady presence. Help us recognize Your goodness, receive the grace You offer, and carry Your love into the week ahead. Shape us into a people who are hopeful, faithful, and generous in spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

\*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading                      2 Timothy 4:9–18                      Pew Bible pg. 213

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| Special Music | “Another in the Fire”<br>Briseis Munoz, Soloist | C. Davenport & J. Houston |
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Gospel Reading                      John 14:15–21                      Pew Bible pg. 109

Message                      “The One Who Stayed”                      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.**

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| *Hymn of Response | "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" | UMH #521 |
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\*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

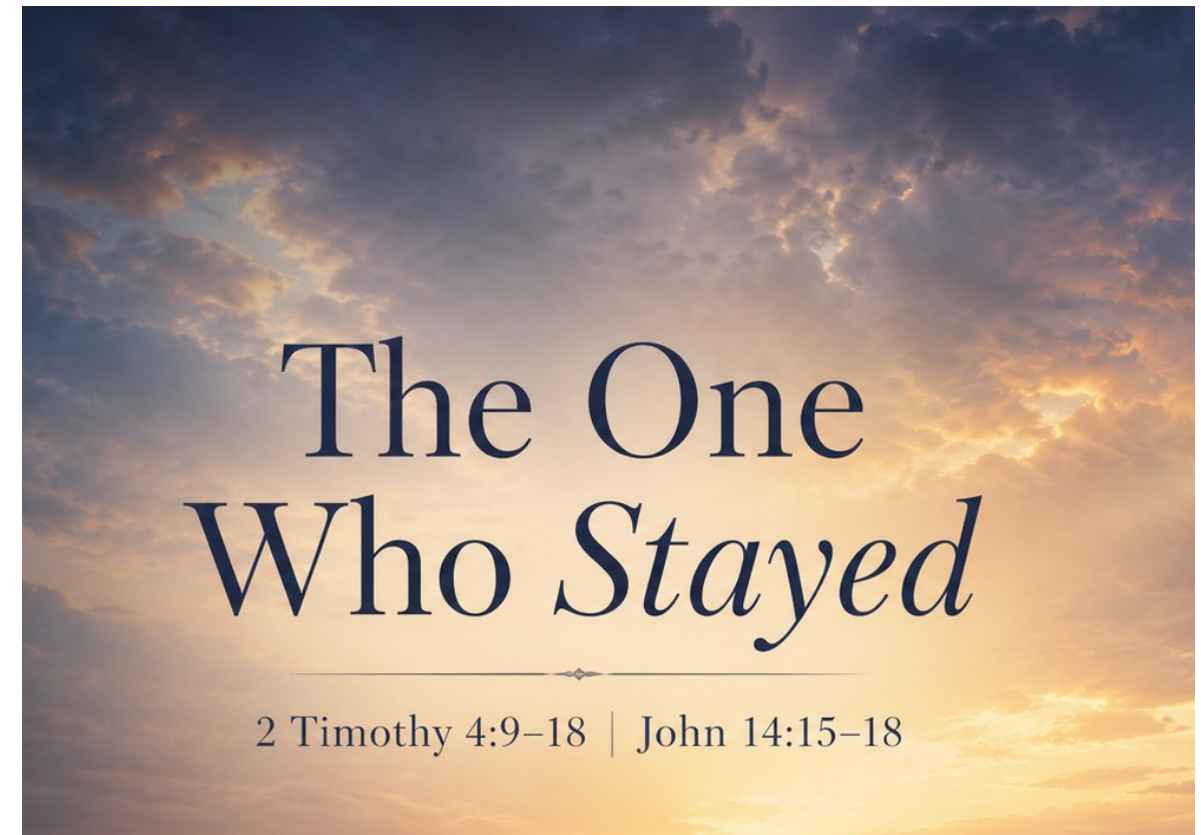
"My Hope Is Built"

UMH #368

\*Dismissal and Blessing

\*Postlude:

\*Please Stand if able



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