



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

September 13, 2026 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” UMH #158
(Verses 1 & 2)

*Call to Worship

Leader: God has not created us to walk through life alone.

People: We are given to one another for strength, encouragement, and care.

Leader: There are times when we carry others, and times when we need to be carried.

People: Teach us to receive help with grace and to offer it with love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Christ who meets us in community.

People: Together, we come to be strengthened by God and by one another. Amen.

*Opening Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” UMH #526

Opening Prayer

God of grace, Gracious God, You have created us for relationship with You and with one another. Free us from the belief that strength means carrying everything alone. Give us courage to offer help when someone is struggling and humility to receive it when we are the ones in need. As we worship, deepen our trust in You and strengthen the bonds that hold us together in Christ. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading Galatians 6:1–5 Pew Bible pg. 191

Hymn “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” TFWS #2223
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

*Gospel Reading Mark 2:1–12 Pew Bible pg. 36

Message “Strong Enough to Need Each Other” 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 of Response “The Servant Song” TFWS #2222
(Verses 1, 2, & 4)

*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

*Response Doxology, UMH #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

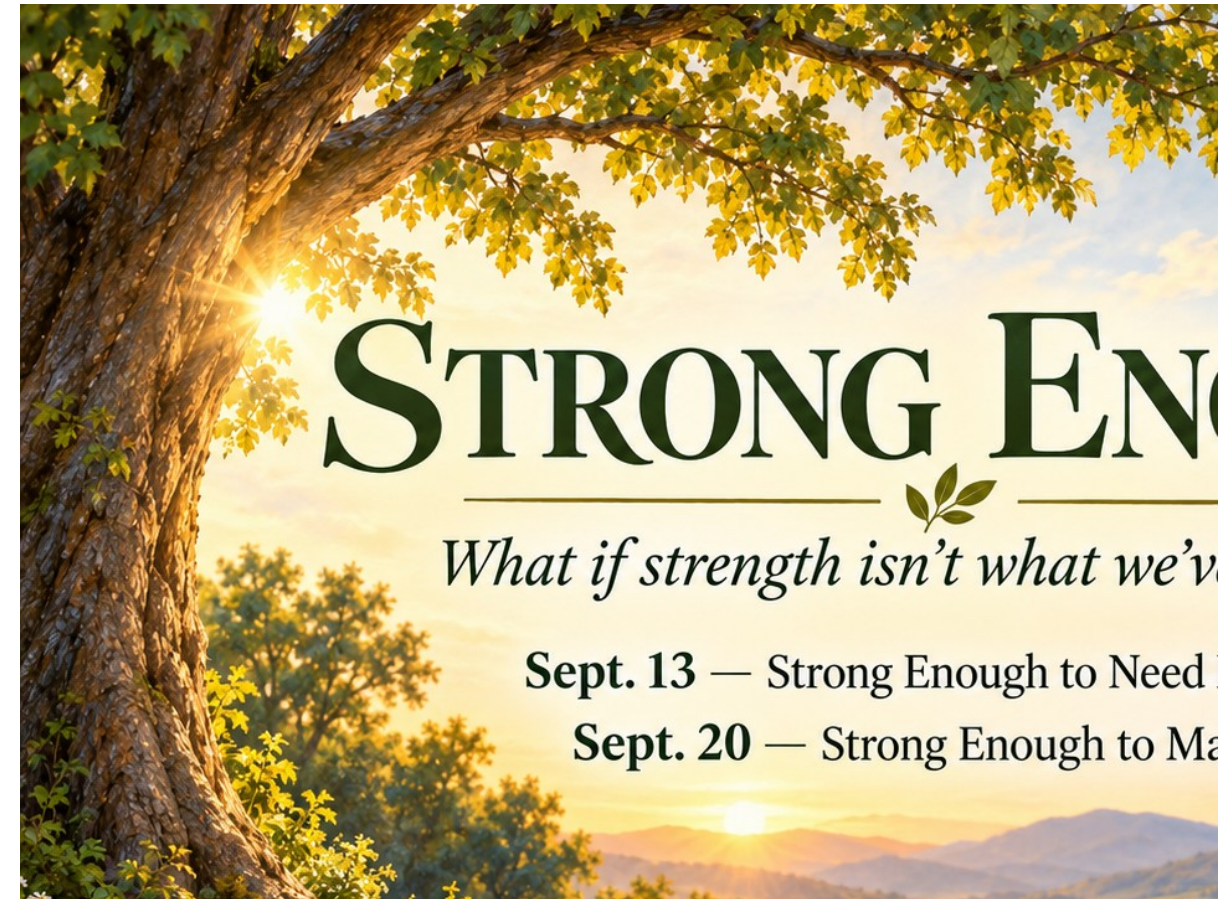
*Offertory Prayer

*Closing Hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" UMH #133

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude:

*Please Stand if able



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