NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

November 8, 2026 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymn "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139
(Verses 1, 4, & 5)

*Call to Worship

Leader: God has blessed us with gifts of grace and love.
People: With grateful hearts, we come to worship.
Leader: What we have received is meant to be shared.
People: May our gifts bring light and hope to others.
Leader: Come, let us worship the Giver of every good gift.
People: With thanksgiving and joy, we offer ourselves to God! Amen.

*Opening Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" UMH #400

*Opening Prayer

Gracious God, You have blessed us with gifts that reflect Your love and grace. Yet sometimes we overlook what You have given us or hesitate to share it with others. Open our eyes to the opportunities before us and give us hearts willing to serve. Help us recognize that even the simplest act of kindness can bring light and hope into someone's life. As we worship today, renew our gratitude, strengthen our faith, and inspire us to use what we have received for Your glory and the good of others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 4:7–11 Pew Bible pg. 235

Special Music Piano Solo

*Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13–16 Pew Bible pg. 4

Message "The Gift Still in the Box" 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 "Freely, Freely" UMH #389

*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 “I Surrender All” UMH #354
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

*Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

*Please Stand if able

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