

# NEWTOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## Welcome to Worship



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## Service of Worship

We are called to be a welcoming community of loving servants of Jesus Christ

### Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 9, 2025

9:30 am

\*Denotes standing if able

GATHERING MUSIC

"Come Down, O Love Divine"  
Ralph Vaughan Williams

Rev. E. Sue Klein

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve

\*PREPARATION for WORSHIP

"Surely the Presence"

UMH 328

\*CALL to WORSHIP

L: The voice of God is calling: "Whom shall I send?"

**P: We are here to answer God's call.**

L: The voice of Christ is calling: "Who will be my faithful disciples?"

**P: We are here to answer Christ's call.**

L: The voice of the Spirit is calling: "Who will be a light to the nations?"

**P: We are here. Send us, we pray!**

L: So then, let us pray:

**All: Your wisdom, Holy Mystery, is as unfathomable as the deep, as alluring as the night sky. When all seems lost, call us from the wreckage of our lives. Grant us the ability and the will to hear your**

**call and bless us with your grace to embrace your promised salvation. Help us face our fears, that we might remain sure-footed on our journey of faith. In our Lord Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

UMH 64

\*HYMN

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Silent Confession and Words of Assurance to Follow)*

Gracious, loving God, pour your love into our hearts and lives. Bless us with such overflowing grace that your love might flow within us and through us. Be patient with our impatience. Calm us with your patient love in all our encounters. Forgive us and fill us with your grace, that we might extend loving forgiveness to others. Jesus Christ, forgiving Lord, to you we pray and confess our sins in silence ...

CHORAL ANTHEM

*"There's a Quiet Understanding"*  
Tedd Smith

Choir

### **HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

*(The community of faith hears the Scriptures read and receives teaching)*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [in unison]*

*Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen*

FIRST READING

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

Lynette Daria

\*GOSPEL READING

*Luke 5:1-11*

Pastor Steve

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

\*HYMN

*"Where He Leads Me"*

UMH 338

Refrain:

Where he leads me, I will follow, where he leads me  
I will follow, where he leads me, I will follow,  
I'll go with him, with him, all the way.

I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,  
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me"

Refrain

I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden,  
I'll go with him through the garden  
I'll go with him, with him all the way

Refrain

I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him, with him, all the way..

Refrain

He will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory  
and go with me, with me, all the way.

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

*(The community of faith responds appropriately to hearing the Scriptures)*

CELEBRATION and PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (Joys and Concerns)

Following each celebration say, "Lord, we give thanks", and after each Concern, "Lord, hear our prayer".

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen*

OUR TITHES and OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God"*

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!*

\*PRAYER OF  
COMMITMENT

Pastor Steve

\*HYMN

*"The Summons"*

TFWS 2130

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let your love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

*Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?*

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as  
this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same,  
In your company I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.  
Thus, I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Steve

L: Do not fear the turbulent waters of faith.  
P: **Christ is with us in the boat.**  
L: Do not avoid the dangers of the deep.  
P: **God is with us on the journey.**  
L: Do not doubt your ability to fish for people.  
P: **God's Spirit will show us how.**  
All: **Amen!**

\*THE AMEN

*"Halle, Halle, Halleluja" (2x)  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!  
Halle, Halle, Halle-lujah!  
Hallelujah!*

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POSTLUDE

*"Wellspring of Wisdom"  
Miriam Therese Winter*

Rev. E. Sue Klein

We pray this time of worship has refreshed your spirit.  
God's blessings be yours to share!

Because of the weather, there will be no Coffee & Fellowship today.  
Thank you to those who've recently signed up!



Dan & Janina Poole, who volunteered to usher  
Lynette Daria our Liturgist  
Our wonderful choir  
Rev. E. Sue Klein, our musician  
Jaret Lynch & Sage Volpe, our technical experts  
Candy & Lori Rothe, our tellers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**This Week**

Monday, Feb 10  
Wednesday, Feb 12  
Thursday, Feb 13

Prayer Group 11:30am – 12:30pm  
Daytime Discipleship Group 11:30am – 12:30pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm