



NEWTOWN United Methodist Church

November 19, 2023 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship is a time to move close to God and receive spiritual energy for living courageously and serving others faithfully.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Choral Introit “God Of Day and God Of Darkness” arr. Lewis

*Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

People: Delight in God’s goodness!

Leader: Praise God who gives each person a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

People: Lord, we thank you for these gifts!

Leader: Come, let us worship God who entrusts us with so much.

People: Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. Amen.

*Hymn “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” UMH #103

*Affirmation of Faith UMH #881

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we gratefully acknowledge the gifts you have given each of us for service in your world. Gifts of teaching, healing, inspiring, challenging, and creating are all among the myriad of things you have placed in our lives. Direct our lives to use these gifts as we reach out to our neighborhood and nation, witnessing your love and healing mercy. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Epistle Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Choral Anthem “Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices” C. Courtney

*Gospel Reading Matthew 25:14-30

Message Stewards of God’s Grace Pastor Rodney 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 “Be Thou My Vision” UMH #451

Dedicating Our Resources to God

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

*Hymn “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” UMH #715

*Dismissal and Blessing

*Postlude

*Please Stand if able

Parable of the Talents



Matthew 25:14-30

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