



**EVERYBODY
TELL SOMEBODY**

**September 3, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
14th Sunday After Pentecost**

**First United Methodist Church
Of Newton**

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE	Christie Spriggs
GREETING	Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)	Kathleen Meredith
Today we come to reflect on a mission from long ago.	
What is this age-old mission?	
It is the call that Jesus gave to all of us —	
The call to go forth and make disciples of all those we meet in the world;	
The call to go forth and baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;	
The call to share the words of Christ with all we meet, with the authority and power he gives us. Amen.	
*HYMN “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”	UMH 57 (v. 1,3,5,6)
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)	Kathleen Meredith
God of love, we want to draw close to you in the same way that Jesus drew close to you when he ascended into heaven. We want to get closer to you, in the same way that those first disciples of Jesus got close to him at the top of the mountain, to receive the great commission, the great task. Beloved Jesus, come closer to us, as you have promised, that we might perceive your presence, so we can reach out to people in our community who need to hear the good news of your love. Spirit of God, baptize us with the abundance of your love and power, so we can fulfill our task . In the name of Jesus. Amen.	
SPECIAL MUSIC “Nothing Without You”	Kathleen Meredith
COMMUNITY PRAYER	Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER	Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON	Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING	Kathleen Meredith

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God for this Word.

SERMON **Everybody Tell Somebody:
“The Great Commission”** Rev. Lattig

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)
Please proceed up the center aisle to receive communion and return to your pew via the outside aisles. There is a gluten-free option available.

OFFERING Christie Spriggs
You may leave your offering in the plate in the narthex or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically.

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) Kathleen Meredith
Lord Jesus, you tell us that whenever two or more are gathered in your name that you are present. So, we thank you for your presence now and for this place we call First United Methodist Church of Newton. We thank you for the ministry you are doing among us and through us to reach others for your kingdom. Please receive our offerings as a practical expression of our love for you and our commitment to the work of your kingdom. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN “Freely, Freely” UMH 389

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE Christie Spriggs

This Week's Schedule

Monday, Sept 4	Labor Day — Church Office Closed
Tuesday, Sept 5	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Hypnosis for Health
Wednesday, Sept 6	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Potluck Supper (HH)
Thursday, Sept 7	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Theology on Tap at Angry Erik Brewing Company
Saturday, Sept 9	9-2 Treasures of Hope
Sunday, Sept 10	9 Joy Fellowship (HH) Sunday School Begins (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service

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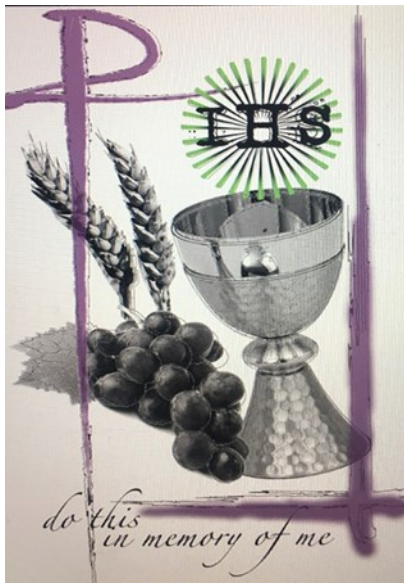
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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Music Coordinator
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd R. Lattig
Kathleen Meredith
Christie Spriggs
Fred Fox
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison



Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Good News: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which our Lord gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in unison with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

