



EVERYBODY
TELL SOMEBODY

**September 10, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
15th Sunday After Pentecost**

**First United Methodist Church
Of Newton**

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Kathleen Meredith

We are here today to celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Jesus was born, died, and was resurrected for us.

We are all offered the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are all part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Today we come to the house of the Lord to share the Good News.

Amen.

*HYMN “Shout to the Lord” TFWS 2074

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith

God of all, you have called us to a very challenging task.

Just as it was difficult for Peter, a modest fisherman, to reach out to Cornelius, a Roman centurion, it is difficult for us to tell what you have done in our lives to people who are different from us. It would be easier to only relate to people like us. Beloved Jesus, dismiss the fears and barriers that prevent us from approaching those who are different from us, because our distance prevents us from knowing what you have done in their lives as much as in ours. Spirit of God, baptize us with the abundance of your love and power, so that we can relate to all humanity without excluding anyone. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

Acts 10:30-48

³⁰ Cornelius replied, “Four days ago I was praying in my house about this same time, three o’clock in the afternoon. Suddenly, a man in dazzling clothes was standing in front of me. ³¹ He told me, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God! ³² Now send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter. He is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner who lives near the seashore.’ ³³ So I sent for you at once, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here, waiting before God to hear the message the Lord has given you.”

³⁴ Then Peter replied, “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. ³⁵ In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶ This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. ³⁸ And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ “And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. ⁴³ He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.”

⁴⁴ Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. ⁴⁵ The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.

Then Peter asked, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone object to their being baptized, now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?” ⁴⁸ So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SERMON

**Everybody Tell Somebody:
“The Good News is for Everyone”**

Rev. Lattig

OFFERING “Largo in G Major” (Marcello) Melinda McCoy-Miller,
flute

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, for every resource that you have entrusted to each of us, we give you thanks and offer our praise to you. As we commit our tithes and offerings to you, we pray that you will bless them and bless others through them, Lord. Receive these offerings as an expression of our devotion to you and use them for your kingdom’s purposes. Amen.

*HYMN

“Shine, Jesus Shine”

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*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

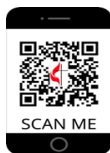
POSTLUDE

Henry Repp

This Week's Schedule

Monday, Sept 11	10 Chair Yoga (HH) 6 Sermon Series Discussion (Zoom)
Tuesday, Sept 12	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Cub Scouts (HH)
Wednesday, Sept 13	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Potluck Supper (HH)
Thursday, Sept 14	9-8:15 Poll Worker Training (HH)
Friday, Sept 15	8-5:15 Poll Worker Training (HH)
Saturday, Sept 16	8-6 Poll Worker Training (HH) 9-2 Treasures of Hope
Sunday, Sept 17	9 Joy Fellowship (HH) Sunday School (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service 4-6 SCYO Meeting/Registration (HH/kitchen)

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music/Organist
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd R. Lattig
Kathleen Meredith
Henry Repp
Fred Fox
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison