



EVERYBODY
TELL SOMEBODY

**September 17, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
16th Sunday After Pentecost**

**First United Methodist Church
Of Newton**

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

- PRELUDE “Prelude in G” (Mendelssohn) Henry Repp
- GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig
- *CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Kathleen Meredith
All people are in need of the love and grace of God.
We all have moments in life where we need God to step in.
The creator of the universe steps into our lives with grace and hope.
May we share this grace and hope with all we meet.
The Lord meets people where they are.
Lord of all creation, meet us here and now. Amen.
- *HYMN “For the Beauty of the Earth” UMH 92
- *OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith
God of encounters, in the same way that Paul told the good news of the Gospel to the philosophers of Athens, mobilize us to accept people as they are and wherever they are — physically, intellectually, and spiritually. Beloved Jesus, help us to listen and learn from others to discover the power of your immense and infinite grace. Spirit of God, baptize us with the abundance of your love and power, to find others wherever they are, and by doing this, to encounter you. In the name of Jesus. Amen.
- CHOIR ANTHEM “The Lord is My Light” Chancel Choir
- COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig
- CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir
- KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig
- SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

Acts 17:16-28

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. ¹⁷ He went to the synagogue to reason with the Jews and the God-fearing Gentiles, and he spoke daily in the public square to all who happened to be there.

¹⁸ He also had a debate with some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers. When he told them about Jesus and his resurrection, they said, “What’s this babbler trying to say with these strange ideas he’s picked up?” Others said, “He seems to be preaching about some foreign gods.”

This Week's Schedule

Monday, Sept 18	10 Chair Yoga (HH) 6 Memorial Gathering for Guy Parker (Sanct/HH/kitchen) 6 Everybody Tell Somebody Sermon Series Discussion zoom
Tuesday, Sept 19	10-1 Life With Joy (HH)
Wednesday, Sept 20	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Potluck Supper (HH)
Thursday, Sept 21	10-1 Life With Joy (HH)
Saturday, Sept 23	9-2 Treasures of Hope
Sunday, Sept 24	9 Joy Fellowship (HH) Sunday School (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Liturgist
Director of Music/Organist
Greeter
Camera Operator
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