



EVERYBODY
TELL SOMEBODY

**September 24, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
17th Sunday After Pentecost**

**First United Methodist Church
Of Newton**

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Adagio” (Nyquist) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Kathleen Meredith

Today, we acknowledge that we need *good news*.

We need the hope of the Gospel which is for us all and free to all.

Sometimes we need to be reminded that we need the Gospel, just like everyone else.

We all need God’s love and grace.

Today, let us take a deeper look at the needs of the world and look for ways to share this good news with others.

Amen.

*HYMN “Lift High the Cross” UMH 159

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith

God of the world, through Jesus Christ you reached out to humanity to bring salvation and abundant life. Help us to love as you love, so that all creation may live in the fullness of that kind of love. Beloved Jesus, help us to resist the temptation to judge and condemn others, because in doing so, we demean your infinite grace. Shine through us to remove all darkness from the earth and strengthen us when we feel like the world is ending. Spirit of God, baptize us with the abundance of your love and power, to transform the world with your light. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Dear Heavenly Father” (Larson) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

John 3:11-20

¹¹ I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won’t believe our testimony. ¹² But if you don’t believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you

about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

¹⁶ For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

¹⁸ There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. ²⁰ All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.

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

Thanks be to God for this Word.

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| SERMON | Everybody Tell Somebody: "The World Needs the Good News" | Rev. Lattig |
| OFFERING | "Rose of Sharon" (Wilson) 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 using PayPal or Tithe.ly. | Henry Repp |
| *DOXOLOGY | | UMH 95 |
| *PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison) | Lord, thank you for loving us so much that you were willing to share you son, Jesus, so that we might have new, abundant, and eternal life! As we seek to walk in Jesus' footsteps, God, please receive these offerings as an expression of our faith and love for you and our neighbor. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen. | Kathleen Meredith |
| *HYMN | "Blessed Assurance" | UMH 369 |
| *BENEDICTION | | Rev. Lattig |
| POSTLUDE | "Toccata" (Haggerty) | Henry Repp |

This Week's Schedule

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| Monday, Sept 25 | 10 Chair Yoga (HH) 6 Everybody Tell Somebody Sermon Series Discussion zoom |
| Tuesday, Sept 26 | 10-1 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Cub Scouts (HH) |
| Wednesday, Sept 27 | 10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Potluck Supper (HH) |
| Thursday, Sept 28 | 10-1 Life With Joy (HH) |
| Saturday, Sept 30 | 9-2 Treasures of Hope |
| Sunday, Oct 1 | 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
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd R. Lattig
Kathleen Meredith
Henry Repp
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