



**October 22, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
21st Sunday After Pentecost**

**First United Methodist Church
Of Newton**

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Contemplation” (Rowley) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Kathleen Meredith

God has provided enough to satisfy us, but the world is full of temptation.

The love of money is the root of so much evil and causes so much pain.

Let us pursue God instead of material things.

Let us fight the good fight of faith, and take hold of eternal life. Amen.

*HYMN “I Need Thee Every Hour” UMH 397

*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith

Gracious God, help us to live in a community that finds contentment not in things but in our relationship with you.

We offer you thanksgiving for all that you have given us.

Lead us to be good stewards of our resources of time, talent, and treasure so that we might be a blessing to others.

Today we will strive to focus on growing in righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness, as we remember all that you have provided. We ask this in your son’s name. Amen.

ANTHEM “Offertory” (John Ness Beck) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

1 Timothy 6:6-12

⁶ Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.

⁷ After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can’t take anything with us when we leave it. ⁸ So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content.

⁹ But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

¹¹ But you, Timothy, are a man of God; so run from all these evil things. Pursue righteousness and a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight for the true faith. Hold tightly to the eternal life to which God has called you, which you have declared so well before many witnesses.

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

SERMON

Rev. Lattig

Generous: “Finding Our Contentment In God”

OFFERTORY

“O Lord God” (Schubert)

Chancel Choir

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.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

Lord God, all that we have is yours. Thank you for entrusting it to us. Please receive our offerings as an expression of our love for you, our commitment to the ministry of your church, and the spirit of joy with which we offer it to you. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

*HYMN

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

UMH 575

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

“Epilogue” (Gilbert)

Henry Repp

This Week's Schedule

Monday, Oct 23	10 Chair Yoga (HH)
Tuesday, Oct 24	10-1 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Cub Scouts (HH)
Wednesday, Oct 25	10-3 Life With Joy (HH) 6 Potluck Supper (HH)
Thursday, Oct 26	10-1 Life With Joy (HH) 7 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Saturday, Oct 28	8 SCYO (HH) 9-2 Treasures of Hope
Sunday, Oct 29	9 Joy Fellowship (HH) Sunday School (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service [NO video class this evening]

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Today's Worship Leaders

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

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