



**October 29, 2023, 10:30 a.m.  
22nd Sunday After Pentecost**

**First United Methodist Church  
Of Newton**

# Order of Worship

(\*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE “Air on the G String” (Bach) Henry Repp

GREETING Rev. Todd Lattig

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive) Kathleen Meredith

God has revealed the good news of Jesus Christ to all people.

**We have heard the news of the boundless riches of Christ.**

God has revealed a hidden mystery — we all have a place in God’s plan.

**We will offer God our lives with boldness and confidence through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” UMH 121

\*OPENING PRAYER (unison) Kathleen Meredith

**Loving God, we ask that we would be able to see the great gift you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ. Help us to know and recognize that all of creation comes from you.**

**Today as we gather in worship, we give you thanks for your abundant love. In times when we feel hopeless or fearful,**

**may our faith be renewed to trust you more. We ask knowing that all things are possible for those who love you.**

**We humbly declare with our hearts, minds, and souls that we love you. Amen.**

ANTHEM “Laudamus Te” (Mueller) Chancel Choir

COMMUNITY PRAYER Rev. Lattig

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER Chancel Choir

KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Lattig

SCRIPTURE READING Kathleen Meredith

## **Ephesians 3:5-12**

<sup>5</sup> God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by his Spirit he has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets.

<sup>6</sup> And this is God’s plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God’s children. Both

are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup> By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.

<sup>8</sup> Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ. <sup>9</sup> I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning.

<sup>10</sup> God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. <sup>11</sup> This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>12</sup> Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and confidently into God's presence.

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

**Thanks be to God for this Word.**

SERMON

**Generous: "The Flow of Grace"**

Rev. Lattig

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP – Amy Smallwood Ringenberg

OFFERTORY

"Sarabande" (Bach)

Henry Repp

Please proceed up the center aisle to place your offering in the plate 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

**Thank you, God, for allowing us to participate in what you are doing in the world. The gifts that you have entrusted to us are a blessing and we give you thanks for every one of them. It is our privilege and joy to offer back to you a portion and ask that you use these offerings to bless others — for the sake of your kingdom's work here on earth. We pray this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*HYMN

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

UMH 298

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress" (Whitford)

Henry Repp

## **This Week's Schedule**

<b>Monday, Oct 30</b>	<b>10 Chair Yoga (HH)</b>
<b>Tuesday, Oct 31</b>	<b>10-1 Life With Joy (HH)</b>
<b>Wednesday, Nov 1</b>	<b>10-3 Life With Joy (HH)</b> <b>6 Potluck Supper (HH)</b>
<b>Thursday, Nov 2</b>	<b>10-1 Life With Joy (HH)</b> <b>7 Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</b>
<b>Saturday, Nov 4</b>	<b>8 SCYO (HH)</b> <b>9-2 Treasures of Hope</b> <b>Church Conference/Trinity UMC</b> <b>9:25-9:40 registration</b> <b>9:45-10:15 worship</b> <b>10:20-11:15 church conference</b>
<b>Sunday, Nov 5</b>	<b>9 Joy Fellowship (HH)</b> <b>Sunday School (1B)</b> <b>10:30 Sanctuary Service</b> <b>Following 10:30 service:</b> <b>From Jesus to Christ</b> <b>Video/discussion/pizza</b> <b>in Media Center</b>

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## **Today's Worship Leaders**

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

Rev. Todd Lattig  
Henry Repp  
Kathleen Meredith  
Evelyn Cornwell  
Jen Phlegar  
Jay Morrison

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