

1. Prelude, Greetings, & Passing the Peace of Christ

2. Gathering Music

3. Call to Worship

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings like eagles.

They shall run and not be weary.

They shall walk and not faint.

They shall fear no evil.

They shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen.

4. Prayer of Confession

God of many pastures, we never tire of hearing the voice of our shepherd; we never tire of hearing the call to lay our burdens down; we never tire of hearing the invitation to dwell in your house forever. Forgive us, loving shepherd, when we try to keep you as our own— thinking that we alone have your love, thinking that others wander alone without your care and guidance. Open our eyes, that we may recognize the sheep of your fold wherever they may be and whatever they may look like.

The one who lays his life down for the sheep will surely rescue us and lead us to safe pastures. Through the love and grace of our shepherd, goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell securely forever. Amen.

5. Hymn UMH 368, *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (vss. 1, 2, 4)

1. *My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

[Refrain] *On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.*

2. *When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil* [refrain].

4. *When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!* [refrain].

6. Joys & Announcements

7. Scripture Lesson

Acts 4:1-13

8. Children's Message

(As children come forward)

“Yes, Jesus loves us (x 3). The Bible tells us so.”

(As children return)

“God is watching over you this day.”

9. Sermon

Rhanna Kidwell (Co-Lay Leader)

10. Hymn

UMH 526, *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

1. *What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.*

2. *Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.*

3. *Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.*

11. Offering

UMH 94, *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

12. Prayer of Dedication

Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light you've shown us. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

13. Prayer Concerns

“Lord, in Your Mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**”

14. Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

15. Hymn

UMH 545, *The Church's One Foundation* (vss. 1 & 5)

1. *The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

5. *Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

16. *Benediction & Postlude

* : Please rise if you feel comfortable
UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (*red/blue*)
TFWS: The Faith We Sing (*black*)
WS: Worship & Song (*green*)
Liturgies are from ministrymatters.com



The United Methodist Church of Newton



April 21, 2024
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

430 Walnut St.
Newtonville, MA 02460
617-244-0275

Website: umcnewton.org (find a zoom link for Sunday service)
Church: umc.newton@gmail.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/umcnewton.org
Twitter: [@newton_umc](https://twitter.com/newton_umc)
Zoom for Sunday Service (Meeting ID: 817 6688 5232; Passcode: 3)
For any questions about the church, website, signage, and accessibility, please contact the church.
*Monday is Pastor's Day-Off.

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