

1. Prelude & Greetings

2. *Gathering Music As the Deer/ Bind Us Together
As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.

[refrain] *You alone are my strength, my shield. To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire. And I long to worship Thee.*

You're my friend. And You are my brother, Even though You are a King. I love You more than any other So much more than anything [refrain].

Bind us together, Lord Bind us together With cords that cannot be broken Bind us together, Lord Bind us together Bind us together in Love There is only one God, There is only one King There is only one Body, That is why we sing.

3. *Call to Worship

L: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

P: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

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P: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

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P: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus' Holy Name. AMEN.

4. Silent Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Lord, sometimes we are confused. We hear the bad news continually shouted on TV, radio, in the newspapers, magazines. The whole world seems to be shrieking in pain. Innocent people are being destroyed by the whims of the wicked. Disease and pestilence reign supreme in too many parts of the world. We turn an indifferent ear to the cries of others, often because we are so overwhelmed by the needs and feel helpless in the face of such chaos. We close our eyes. We walk away, often crossing over to the side of self-importance and indifference because we are afraid to become involved. Our society is quick to sue and slow to heal. We succumb to those pressures in our fear. Help us, O Lord. Heal our spirits as well as our bodies. Open our hearts and our eyes to see you, O Christ, that we may be empowered to service rather than apathy. Forgive us, Lord, forgive us. Make us ready to truly become your disciples.

Let us not be afraid. God's love is reaching out to us, to touch our hurt and wounds and to provide healing. Let us receive God's blessing and be assured of God's eternal love for us. AMEN.

5. *Hymn UMH 344, Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore, looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones. You only asked me, to follow humbly.

[Refrain] *O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, kindly smiling, have spoken my name. Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas.*

2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons; But nets and fishes my daily labor. [Refrain]

3. You need my hands, full of caring, through my labors to give others rest, and constant love that keeps on loving. [Refrain]

6. Announcements, Joys and Reasons to be Grateful!

7. Scripture Lesson

Luke 10:29-37

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, watching over you, watching over you. God is watching over you each day.*

9. Sermon

Pastor Sunmin

10. Hymn

TFWS 2130, The Summons (vss 1, 2, 5)

1. Will you come and follow me If I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know And never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown In you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind If I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind And never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare? Should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer In you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true When you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you And never be the same. In your company I'll go Where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow In you and you in me.

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. *Offertory Prayer

Lord, we give our tithes and offerings to you. Bless and use these to accomplish your will through this church. We ask that every amount will be invested in the furthering of your work. Grant wisdom to us all so that we continue to spread the gospel and to discipline your children towards spiritual growth and service. And bless the works of our hands. Amen.

13. Prayer Concerns

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

14. Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

15. *Hymn

UMH 664, *Sent Forth by God’s Blessing* (vs 1)

1. Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all who believe. The seed of Christ’s teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

16. Benediction

17. 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

Announcements

1. Meetings

- a. Every 1st Sat @ 8:30 AM: Men’s Breakfast
- b. Every last Sunday – All Church Meeting (next one is Jan 29th).

2. "This Is My Story." Hub Meeting today 2 PM. All are invited to a regional gathering on Storytelling and Spiritual Practice. You are invited to join with local United Methodist Churches as we gather to share our stories! (Connexion UMC, 149 Broadway Somerville MA 02145)

3. Ash Wednesday Service. Feb 22. at 7 PM.

4. Anti-Racism Workshop (March 4, Sat. 9-3).

5. Bishop’s Day with Bishop Peggy Johnson (March 18, Sat. 1 PM)

6. Please help put away Christmas tree and decorations after the service.

Website: umcnewton.org (find a zoom link for Sunday service)

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Zoom for Sunday Service (Meeting ID: 817 6688 5232; Passcode: 3)

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The United Methodist Church of Newton



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Sunday Worship 10:30 AM**

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