

1. *Gathering Music

TFWS #2025, As the Deer

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].

W&S #3152, Welcome

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin.

*To build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seed of peace.*

*Singing welcome, welcome to this place. You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome, the love of God to share.*

'Cause all of us are welcome here. All are welcome in this place.

2. *Call to Worship

Children of God, when fears press in on every side, we can proclaim with confidence:

God is our light and salvation! Whom shall we fear?

When our problems overwhelm us and we feel pressed in on every side, we can declare with confidence:

God is the stronghold of our lives! Of whom shall we be afraid?

No matter the troubles we face, we seek after God and to live in the house of God forever.

God shelters and protects us in the day of trouble.

Come, let us worship God with joy, for God is our light and salvation!

We come to worship as bearers of the Light. Thanks be to God! Amen.

3. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Holy Christ, we come to You knowing that we have fallen away from your intentions for us. We have followed the paths of greed and envy, turned away from our brothers and sisters in need in order to satisfy our own desires. You gave your life for us, and yet we are willing to give so little at times. Forgive us for not understanding that You laid down your life for us. Forgive us for not recognizing the sacrifice of love, to live for others instead of ourselves. Call us back to repent and return to the kingdom of God.

The Lord our God calls us again and again. The Lord forgives us repeatedly. Let us be grateful for God's mercy. Let us follow Jesus' footsteps toward justice, peace and mercy. Amen.

4. *Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

UMH #102

1. *Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

2. *O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.*

3. *All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

5. Faith in Action

6. Scripture Lesson

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

7. Children's Time

(As children come forward)
(As children return)

*"Yes, Jesus loves us (x3). The Bible tells us so."
"God is watching over you...each day."*

8. Reflecting on God's Grace and Love at Newton UMC in 2025

9. *Hymn

UMH #140, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

1. *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

[Refrain] *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. *Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain*

3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside![Refrain]*

10. *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!

11. *Prayer of Dedication

Steadfast Light of our salvation, receive these gifts, given in joyful confidence that your love casts out fear and your grace makes us bold. Use our offerings to build a world where your light leads, your justice reigns, and your people become living testimonies of your goodness. Amen.

12. Prayer Concern

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

13. Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

14. *A Hymn of Your Choice

(First Shout, First Sung Basis)

15. *Benediction & Postlude



The United Methodist Church of Newton



* : Please rise if you feel comfortable
UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (red)
TFWS: The Faith We Sing (black)
W&S: Worship & Song (green)

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

Church: umc.newton@gmail.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/umcnewton.org

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.

January 25, 2026
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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