

## 1. \*Gathering Music

### TFWS 2022, Great Is the Lord

[Refrain] *Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; By His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy he proves he is love.*

1. & 2. *Great is the Lord and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice.  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!* [refrain]

3. *Great are you Lord and worthy of glory! Great are you Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great are you Lord; now I lift up my voice, now I lift up my voice.  
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### 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

We follow Jesus into a wilderness full of isolation, fatigue, hunger, thirst, and temptation.  
**We follow, trusting in God's mercy.**

We witness Jesus resist the siren calls of sensationalism, notoriety, and misuse of power for selfish gain.

**We recognize God's mercy at work in the face of temptation.**

We notice the angels who tend Jesus, messengers of care in a harsh and lonely place.

**We pay attention to God's merciful presence that did not abandon Jesus and does not abandon us now.**

We come to the wilderness together, clinging to the truth that we are not alone—God is with us.

**We gather to worship God, whose unfailing mercy journeys with us into the wildernesses of our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## 3. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. We are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you and we put our hunger for power and wealth as greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will. Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. We are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving

others. Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.

The apostle Paul said, "if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

## 4. \*Hymn

UMH #578, *God of Love and God of Power*

1. *God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

2. *We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee; give us courage, let us hear heaven's trumpets ringing clear. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

3. *All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty; slaves are we when'er we share that devotion anywhere. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

4. *God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.*

## 5. Faith in Action

## 6. Scripture Lesson

Amos 6:1-14

## 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. Sermon

Lisa MacLeod

## 9. \*Hymn

UMH #337, *Only Trust Him* (1, 3 & 4)

1. *Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord; and he will surely give you rest, by trusting in his Word.*

*Refrain: Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now. He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.*

3. *Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way that leads you into rest; believe in him without delay, and you are fully blest (refrain)*

4. *Come then and join this holy band, and on to glory go, to dwell in that celestial land where joys immortal flow (refrain)*



**The United Methodist Church of Newton**

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  
*Surprising God of Mercy, in this moment of giving, we offer not just our resources, but our trust that you are already at work, shaping us through challenge, strengthening us through sacrifice, and surrounding us with unseen angels. Use these gifts to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and light where there is despair.*  
*Amen.*
  
12. Prayer Concern *“Lord, in Your Mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**”*
  
13. Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer
  
14. \*Hymn UMH #593, *Here I Am Lord*
  
15. \*Benediction & Postlude

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

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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.



**February 22, 2026**  
**Sunday Worship 10:30 AM**

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

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