

1. *Gathering Music

Breathe (W&S 3112)

*This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe. Your holy presence Living in me.
This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread. Your very word Spoken to me.
And I... I'm desparate for you. And I... I'm lost without you.*

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy Name. Sing like never before, O my soul. I'll worship Your holy Name.

1. *The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes.*
2. *You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your Name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.*
3. *And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore.*

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. *Passing the Peace of Christ

3. *Call to Worship

L: God is with us always and calls us each by name.
P: When we pass through difficulties and stress,
L: God is with us and calls us by name.
P: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,
L: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.
P: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. AMEN.

4. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Sky-shattering God, we confess that we have not always paid much attention to the baptism of Jesus, but viewed it as a nice story which begins Jesus' ministry. We don't always see ourselves as standing in that long line of those marked for service; and therefore

it is easy for us to dismiss this as a nice story and nothing more. Yet you have called us by name, knowing each of us, and loving us. We are astonished by this. We know that we have behaved in very unloving ways and in some behaviors which do not promote your love and peace. Forgive us for our blindness. Turn us around. Help us to be people who not only recognize the light, but who are willing to live in that light, bringing help to others in your name.

People of God, we are known and loved by the Creator. We are marked as God's chosen ones to bring hope and peace to others. Let us be at peace and live in hope. AMEN.

5. *Hymn UMH 420, *Breathe on me, Breath of God*
 1. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*
 2. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure, until with thee I will one will, to do and to endure.*
 3. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine, till all this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.*
 4. *Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die, but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.*
6. Announcements
7. Scripture Lesson Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
8. Children's Message "Yes, Jesus loves us (x3). The Bible tells us so."
"God is watching over you...each day."

(As children come forward)
(As children return)
9. Sermon Pastor Sunmin
10. Hymn TFWS 2117, *Spirit of God* (1, 4, 5)
 1. *Spirit of God, bright Wind, breath that bids life begin, glow as you always do; create us anew. Give us the breath to sing, lifted on soaring wing, held in your hands, born on your wings. Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!*
 4. *Spirit of God, bright Flame, send us in your holy name, the power to heal, to share your love everywhere. We cannot fail or fall, or know defeat at all, held in your hands, born on your wings. Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!*
 5. *Spirit of God, in all, we gladly hear your call, the life in our hands that sings, the power of your wings. Born of your grace we rise, love shining in our eyes, held in your*

hands, born on your wings. Alleluia! Come, Spirit, Come!

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
Loving God, who guides us with your everlasting presence, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. As Jesus stood with us in the waters of baptism, may these offerings stand as a testament to your love and grace. Use them to bring hope, healing, and transformation to our world. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

13. Prayer Concerns *"Lord, in Your Mercy, **Hear Our Prayer.**"*

14. *Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

15. Hymn of Your Choice *First Shout, First Sung!*

16. Benediction & Postlude

* : Please rise if you feel comfortable
UMH: United Methodist Hymnal (*red/blue*)
TFWS: The Faith We Sing (*black*)
W&S: Worship & Song (*green*)
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For any questions about the church, website, signage, and accessibility, please contact the church.
Monday is Pastor's Day-Off.

The United Methodist Church of Newton




January 12, 2025
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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Jan 19: Celebration of the Life of MLK

26: Matthew 18:20, "*What is a Church?*"

Feb 2: Celebration of the Year 2024 and Introduction of Leaders


9:

16:

23: Pastor's Vacation

5. Please join us for Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall downstairs!
6. Need readers for the MLK program. Please inform the pastor.
7. Need a preacher on Feb 23, Sunday!

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