

1. *Gathering Music

You are my all in all (W&S 3040)

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek. You are my all in all. Seeking You as a precious jewel. Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame. Rising again I bless Your name. You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me up. When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my all in all. Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God. Worthy is Your name.

God is Good. All the time.

Refrain: God is good. All the time. God put a song of praise in this heart of mine. God is good. All the time. Through the darkest night, God's light will shine. God is good. God is good. All the time (x2).

If you're walking through the valley. There are shadows all around. Do not fear, God will guide you. God will keep you safe and sound. God has promised to never leave you. Or forsake you, and God's word is true (Refrain).

We were sinners and so unworthy. Still for us God chose to die. Fill us with God's Holy Spirit. Now we can stand and testify. That God's love is everlasting. And God's mercies, they will never end (Refrain).

Though I may not understand. All the plans you have for me. My life is in your hands. And through the eyes of faith I can clearly see (Refrain).

Welcome (W&S 3152)

*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: How blessed we are that God forgives us and loves us!

P: For all those times when we have fallen short of what God would have us be, we have been forgiven.

L: God makes us new in God's Spirit!

P: Now is the time to joyfully accept the newness of life which God offers to

us.

L: Come, let us worship and be thankful.

P: Let us open our hearts to the peace and joy of God. AMEN.

4. Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance

Lord, our own selfishness and stubbornness prevent us from seeking your way. We willfully sought our own way instead. We have also been stubborn and selfish, angry and unforgiving, and sorrowful and failed to practice your love. Remind us again of your infinite love and that we are forgiven and healed. We are called to turn our lives back to God's care, which is always extended to us. Forgive us and heal us, gracious God. Open our hearts and our spirits to truly receive the blessings of your healing love.

Once we were "dead" to all the things that God hoped for us, but in God's love we are again brought to life. Let us rejoice. We are forgiven! Amen.

5. *Hymn

UMH 67, *We, Thy People, Praise thee*

Refrain:

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation! We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

- 1. Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might. We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore! (refrain)*
- 2. For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing, songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King. We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!*

6. Announcements

7. Scripture Lesson

Acts 6:1-15

8. Discussion

What do Pastors do?

9. Hymn

UMH 576, *Rise Up, Ye Saints of God*

1. Rise up, Ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things. Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

2. Rise up, Ye saints of God! The kingdom tarries long. Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

3. *Rise up, Ye saints of God! The church for you doth wait, her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!*

4. *Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod. As brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!*

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
Gracious God, our refuge and restorer, we bring these gifts as a sign of our return to you. As we observe this holy time of Lent, may our offerings reflect hearts that are turning back to you. Clear the clogs in our lives that separate us from you and one another and help us see the rainbow of your promise even in our struggles. Bless these gifts and our lives so that we may share your steadfast love with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

13. Draw a Circle W&S 3154, *Draw the Circle*

*Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide (x2).
No one stands alone. We'll stand side by side.
Draw the circle, Draw the circle wide.*

14. *Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

15. 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




March 30, 2025
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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

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