Sunday October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost/Stewardship Series

Welcome to Worship! We are so glad that you are here with us today! Newtonville United Methodist Church celebrates two years as a Reconciling Congregation. Being a Reconciling Congregation means that we celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to journey in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Song

We Share Christ's Peace

We Are Called to Worship
Come to the table…
To the gift of Christ's love.
Come to the waters…
To the gift of God's grace.
Come to this congregation…
To the gift of God's people.
Come to this sanctuary…
To the gift of God's presence.

We Join in Song: Welcome (#3152)

Opening Prayer
Gracious God, your gifts surround us in all stages of our lives and in all circumstances of our lives. Help us to trust you for what we need. Help us to call on you for the strength we need for the tasks you call us to, so that we are faithful to the end. Help us to give with joy. We gather now to offer our worship to you. We bring our prayers and praises, our open ears and our willing hearts. Amen.

A Time for Young People

We Pray Together
Joys and Concerns
Silence
Pastoral Prayer

We Pray Together, The Lord's Prayer
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

We Offer Our Gifts
*Doxology #2036 "Give Thanks" / Offertory Prayer
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks, give thanks!

We Hear the 1st Reading: Psalm 24: 1-5

We Join in Song**:** Seek Ye First (#405)

We Hear the Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 26-33

Message: Pastor Nick

An Affirmation of Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Holy Communion

We Join in Song: Table of Plenty (#3173)

Our Statement of Commitment to Racial Justice

The United Methodist Church proclaims the value of each person as a unique child of God and commits itself to the healing and wholeness of all persons. The United Methodist Church recognizes that the sin of racism has been destructive throughout its history, and racism continues to cause painful division and marginalization. We, the community of faith at Newtonville United Methodist Church, shall confront racism in organizations and in individuals. We commit to eliminate racism in every facet of life and in society at large. We will work with others to address racial injustice at all times and in all places.

Sending Song/Blessing: Draw the Circle Wide

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