

**\* We invite you to stand as you are able**

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite members, friends, visitors to record visit by signing the attendance pad.

## A MOMENT OF SILENCE (church bell tolls)

**INTROIT\*** "Come, Come, Everybody Worship" The Faith We Sing #2271

## STATEMENT OF WELCOME TO ALL AND FOR ALL

**All: No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP\*

One: The Lord is continually creating something new.

**All: We are part of that creation, renewed, redeemed, beloved.**

One: Through all this change, God is with us.

**All: Though we struggle and doubt, yet God is faithful.**

One: Praise be to God who continually blesses us.

**All: Let our hearts, our voices, and our spirits sing God's praises.  
Amen.**

## OPENING PRAYER\*

**All: In the midst of continual change, God remains steadfast in God's love for us. God is creating something new, a new heaven and a new earth. Each day offers newness of hope and faith. Let us open our hearts and spirits to God's creative word for us that we may learn, grow, and serve as effective witnesses to God's love and power. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**OPENING HYMN** "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" Black Hymnal #417

## SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 65:17-25 (CEV)

Look! I'm creating a new heaven and a new earth: past events won't be remembered; they won't come to mind. Be glad and rejoice forever in what I'm creating, because I'm creating Jerusalem as a joy and her people as a source of gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad about my people. No one will ever hear the sound of weeping or crying in it again. No more will babies live only a few days, or the old fail to live out their days. The one who dies at a hundred will be like a young person, and the one falling short of a hundred will seem cursed. They will build houses and live in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They won't build for others to live in, nor plant for others to eat. Like the days of a tree will be the days of my people; my chosen will make full use of their handiwork. They won't labor in vain, nor bear children to a world of horrors,

because they will be people blessed by the Lord, they along with their descendants. Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear. Wolf and lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but the snake—its food will be dust. They won't hurt or destroy at any place on my holy mountain, says the Lord.

**MESSAGE** "A Sky Like No Other" Pastor Anne Kadue

**CHOIR ANTHEM** "Blessings" Arr. Heather Sorenson

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our God, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

### OFFERTORY PRAYER\*

**All: Holy God who calls us to the journey: it is so easy for us to become distracted so that we wander off the path you have put before us. The chaos of the world around us catches our attention, and we neglect the inner journey that keeps us closer to you. As we set aside this time to bring our gifts to you, may you draw our attention back to the wisdom and guidance that you put before us, and may it lead us to endurance that will carry us to kingdom presence! In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE & OFFERING

### DOXOLOGY\*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN\*** "Come, We Who Love God's Name" vs. 1,3,5 Black Hymnal #379

### CIRCLE OF BENECTION\*

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**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

We welcome all persons of every age, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, sexual orientation, marital or socioeconomic status, nationality, and physical or mental ability into full participation in the life of this faith community. We are committed to the reconciliation of all persons as children of God and declare ourselves to be a Reconciling Congregation.

Large Print bulletins are available from the ushers.

CHURCH STAFF & WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor Anne Kadue	Lead Pastor
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*You are loved.* 

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WE CAN GIVE OURSELVES  
IS TIME ALONE WITH **GOD.**

**Welcome to**  
**Newport United Methodist Church &**  
**Community United Church of Christ**

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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