Rectortown United Methodist Church

February 26, 2023 10:00 a.m.
First Sunday in Lent

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Welcome to Rectortown UMC!

No matter where you have been or where you have failed to be – what you have said or what you have failed to say - what you have done or what you have failed to do - whom you have loved or whom you have failed to love - you are welcome here.

***** *Please Stand As You Are Able and Comfortable*

PRELUDE - let us quiet our minds, hearts, and spirits as we begin to focus on the presence of God as we become aware of the *Light of Christ* in our midst.

ENTRANCE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and CELEBRATIONS

BRINGING IN the LIGHT of CHRIST

"Sanctuary"

CALL TO WORSHIP (from *Abingdon Worship Annual* 2023 (Psalm 112))

Leader: Temptation surrounds us every day.
***People**:* **Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.**
Leader: Opportunities to stray litter our path.
***People**:* **Happy are those whose sin is covered.**
Leader: Though we stumble and fall, God's mercy picks us up.
***People**:* **God's grace brushes us off.**
Leader: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,
***People**:* **God's love meets us here.**

*** FIRST HYMN** *"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*
UMH 269

OPENING PRAYER (From *Abingdon Worship Annual 2023* (Isaiah 58))

Righteous God, we need your presence in our lives if we are to resist temptation. Send your angels to minister to us when the tempter comes to call. Put not our hearts to the test, but shelter us in your protective love. For you are our God and we are your people. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

"Jesus Says No to Temptation"

TESTIMONY FROM GIDEONS

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*In Unison*)
(Caldwell *Presbyterian Church)*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 32:1-11 UMH 766

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 4:1-11

* Gloria Patri – *"Glory Be to the Father"* UMH 70

MESSAGE "Jesus in the Wilderness"

*** SECOND HYMN** *"It Is Well With My Soul"* UMH 377

AFFIRMATION of OUR FAITH UMH 882

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

* Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94
Offertory Promenade

THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

SENDING FORTH

*** THIRD HYMN** *"Amazing Grace"* UMH 378

*** SENDING FORTH**

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing" UMH 671

* *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

This worship service has ended, and now your service begins.
As you leave church today, you are entering the mission field.

Questions for Reflection

How do you feel like you're in the wilderness?

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:

For Family and Friends:

Shirley Ann Bell
Linda Brown
Hannah Daniels
Yvie Frazier
Joann Garrett
Ernestine Hall
Priscilla Krick
David Nalls
Johnny Newsome
Gerald Owens
Leann Scheuble & her brother
Johnny Sisk
Jeff Sisson
Larry Underwood

For Those Who Grieve:

Preston Barbour's Family
Nelson Hall's Family

For the Church and For the World:

For those in need of healing, and those caring for them.
For first responders, and the military, and their families.
For God's People, The Church, and the World.
Prayers for national, state, and local leaders; and for our Nation.

If you know someone you would like to add to our prayer list, please forward your request to the church office by email at: secretaryrumc@gmail.com, or by calling (540) 364-1066.

RUMC CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

Lauren Haley – February 26th
Julie Massaro – February 28th
Jessica Lowry - March 3rd
Yvie Frazier - March 4th
Laura Thompson - March 4th

Anniversaries

None.

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

Pastor's Bible Study: The Gospel of John – Tuesday, February 28th, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm at Rectortown UMC's Social Hall

Admin Council Meeting - Thursday, March 2nd at 7:00 pm

Discernment Prayer Time & Service - Mondays, March 6th & 13th, 5:30 pm; 7:00 pm service

Pastor's Bible Study - Tuesdays, March 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th, 6:30 pm; Social Hall & Zoom

Trustees Meeting - Wednesday, March 8th, 6:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting - Tuesday, March 14th, 10:00 am

Reading the Bible in a Year Journey - Sunday, March 19th at 6:30 pm via Zoom

Fig Leaf Meeting - Tuesday, March 21st at 11:00 am

FEBRUARY
SCRIPTURE READINGS

February 1	Day 32:	Exodus 13 – 14; Psalm 32; Matthew 16
February 2	Day 33:	Exodus 15 – 16; Psalm 33; Matthew 17
February 3	Day 34:	Exodus 17 – 18; Psalm 34; Matthew 18
February 4	Day 35:	Exodus 19 – 20; Psalm 35; Matthew 19
February 5	Day 36:	Exodus 21 – 22; Psalm 36; Matthew 20
February 6	Day 37:	Exodus 23 – 24; Psalm 37; Matthew 21
February 7	Day 38:	Exodus 25 – 26; Psalm 38; Matthew 22
February 8	Day 39:	Exodus 27 – 28; Psalm 39; Matthew 23
February 9	Day 40:	Exodus 29 – 30; Psalm 40; Matthew 24
February 10	Day 41:	Exodus 31 – 32; Psalm 41; Matthew 25
February 11	Day 42:	Exodus 33 – 34; Proverbs 1; Matthew 26
February 12	Day 43:	Exodus 35 – 36; Proverbs 2; Matthew 27
February 13	Day 44:	Exodus 37 – 38; Proverbs 3; Matthew 28
February 14	Day 45:	Exodus 39 – 40; Proverbs 4; Luke 1
February 15	Day 46:	Leviticus 1 – 2; Proverbs 5; Luke 2
February 16	Day 47:	Leviticus 3 – 4; Proverbs 6; Luke 3
February 17	Day 48:	Leviticus 5 – 6; Proverbs 7; Luke 4
February 18	Day 49:	Leviticus 7 – 8; Proverbs 8; Luke 5
February 19	Day 50:	Leviticus 9 – 10; Proverbs 9; Luke 6
February 20	Day 51:	Leviticus 11 – 12; Proverbs 10; Luke 7
February 21	Day 52:	Leviticus 13 – 14; Proverbs 11; Luke 8
February 22	Day 53:	Leviticus 15 – 16; Proverbs 12; Luke 9
February 23	Day 54:	Leviticus 17 – 18; Proverbs 13; Luke 10
February 24	Day 55:	Leviticus 19 – 20; Proverbs 14; Luke 11
February 25	Day 56:	Leviticus 21 – 22; Proverbs 15; Luke 12
February 26	Day 57:	Leviticus 23 – 24; Proverbs 16; Luke 13
February 27	Day 58:	Leviticus 25 – 26; Proverbs 17; Luke 14
February 28	Day 59:	Leviticus 27; Numbers 1; Proverbs 18; Luke 15

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