

# Rectortown United Methodist Church

July 16, 2023 10:00 a.m.  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



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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

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

UMH 601

### CALL TO WORSHIP (from Abingdon Worship Annual 2023)

**Leader:** Come in from busy, summertime days to this place of worship.

**People:** **We come to connect with God's word.**

**Leader:** Come in from the stress of everyday life into the light of knowledge.

**People:** **We come as seekers of truth.**

**Leader:** Come into worship with offerings of praise.

**People:** **We come to hear the word and respond!**

### \* FIRST HYMN

“Wonderful Words of Life”

UMH 600

## OPENING PRAYER

(From *Abingdon Worship Annual 2023* (Unison))

Loving God, gather us into this moment of reverence, celebrate, and growth. As your sons and daughters, we long for renewed faith and meaning in our lives. Christ's Parable of the Sower lights our path, with its images of rocky ground, tangled thorns, and green shoots. May the light of your word illuminate your way and become the joy of our hearts! Amen.

**YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE** "Esau Sells His Birthright"

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(From *Caldwell Presbyterian Church*) (Unison)

Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSIVE READING

Psalms 25:1-10

UMH 757

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11

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

**MESSAGE** "Jacob and Esau: Selling the Birthright"

\* **SECOND HYMN** "Spirit Song" UMH 347

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH 880

## SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## GIVING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

Offertory: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

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

## THANKSGIVING

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

## SENDING FORTH

\* **THIRD HYMN** "Hymn of Promise" UMH 707

\* **SENDING FORTH** "Bind Us Together" TFWS 2226

\* *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

What did you learn from Jacob and Esau?

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:

### For Family and Friends:

Linda Brown	Millie Mailwauki
Linda Daniels	Bill Newlin
Elda Keller	Alice Pleasants
Tommy Ann Kirkpatrick	Jim Richbourg
Harry Lamb	Jane Thomas
Ed Lang	Steve and Cecilia Trimble

### For the Family of those who grieve for:

Bev Delano	Avis Kessler
Donna Maher	Ian Strickler
Ruth Rosenberg-Manne	

### 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](mailto:secretaryrumc@gmail.com), or by  
calling (540) 364-1066.

## RUMC CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

Daniel Hall – July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Roxie Willis – July 19 <sup>th</sup>
David Pearson – July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wade Riniger – July 20 <sup>th</sup>
Kimberly Walkup – July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Willis – July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Kiki Wegdam – July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Haley – July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Parker Hylton – July 19 <sup>th</sup>	

### Anniversaries

None.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

JULY		
Day	Date	Gospel Lesson
182	Sat. July 1	2 Chronicles 30-31; Job 28; Luke 21
183	Sun. July 2	2 Chronicles 32-33; Job 29; Luke 22
184	Mon. July 3	2 Chronicles 34-35; Job 30; Luke 23
185	Tues. July 4	2 Chronicles 36; Ezra 1; Job 31; Luke 24
186	Wed. July 5	Ezra 2-3; Job 32; Acts 1
187	Thurs. July 6	Ezra 4-5; Job 33; Acts 2
188	Fri. July 7	Ezra 6-7; Job 34; Acts 3
189	Sat. July 8	Ezra 8-9; Job 35; Acts 4
190	Sun. July 9	Ezra 10; Nehemiah 1; Job 36; Acts 5
191	Mon. July 10	Nehemiah 2-3; Job 37; Acts 6
192	Tues. July 11	Nehemiah 4-5; Job 38; Acts 7
193	Wed. July 12	Nehemiah 6-7; Job 39; Acts 8
194	Thurs. July 13	Nehemiah 8-9; Job 40; Acts 9
195	Fri. July 14	Nehemiah 10-11; Job 41; Acts 10
196	Sat. July 15	Nehemiah 12-13; Job 42; Acts 11
197	Sun. July 16	Esther 1-2; Psalm 90; Acts 12
198	Mon. July 17	Esther 3-4; Psalm 91; Acts 13
199	Tues. July 18	Esther 5-6; Psalm 92; Acts 14
200	Wed. July 19	Esther 7-8; Psalm 93; Acts 15
201	Thurs. July 20	Esther 9-10; Psalm 94; Acts 16
202	Fri. July 21	Isaiah 1-2; Psalm 95; Acts 17
203	Sat. July 22	Isaiah 3-4; Psalm 96; Acts 18
204	Sun. July 23	Isaiah 5-6; Psalm 97; Acts 19
205	Mon. July 24	Isaiah 7-8; Psalm 98; Acts 20
206	Tues. July 25	Isaiah 9-10; Psalm 99; Acts 21
207	Wed. July 26	Isaiah 11-12; Psalm 100; Acts 22
208	Thurs. July 27	Isaiah 13-14; Psalm 101; Acts 23
209	Fri. July 28	Isaiah 15-16; Psalm 102; Acts 24
210	Sat. July 29	Isaiah 17-18; Psalm 103; Acts 25
211	Sun. July 30	Isaiah 19-20; Psalm 104; Acts 26
212	Mon. July 31	Isaiah 21-22; Psalm 105; Acts 27

## UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT



**MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

- What:** Called Church Conference\* overseen by the District Superintendent in accordance with Paragraph 2553 of the Discipline
- Where:** RUMC Sanctuary
- Purpose:** Final vote for disaffiliation for RUMC from the United Methodist Church
- Who can vote:** Only professing members on the roles of RUMC can vote

\*A separate letter from the Chair of the Trustees and Administrative Council was mailed with specific details. Please contact the church office if you did not receive this letter yet

**Outreach Committee Meeting** – Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

**Fig Leaf Meeting** – Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am

**Worship Committee Meeting** – Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

**Called Church Conference** – Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm, only Professing Members voting.

**Fifth Sunday Joint Worship** – Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Middleburg UMC

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