

Rectortown United Methodist Church

September 4, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Thirteenth 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

“We Will Follow”

CALL TO WORSHIP (from the Abingdon Worship Annual (Psalm 139))

Leader: When we try to hide,

People: **God always finds us.**

Leader: When we crawl into the darkness,

People: **Even there we don't escape God's eyes.**

Leader: Are you tired of running from the one who loves you?

People: **We are here at last, ready and eager to be made whole.**

Leader: Let us worship the living God.

*** HYMN** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” UMH 139

OPENING PRAYER (From St. Patrick's Prayer, UMBOW, 529)

**Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us,
Christ on our right, Christ on our left,
Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone one who thinks of us,**

**Christ in every eye that sees us,
Christ in every ear that hears us.
Salvation is of the Lord,
Salvation is of the Christ,
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us. Amen.**

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

“Counting the Cost”

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (adapted from Caldwell Presbyterian Church)

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

UMH 854 - 855

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Philemon 8-21

* Gloria Patri – “Glory Be to the Father”

UMH 70

MESSAGE *“I am Fearfully and Wonderfully Made”*

* **HYMN** “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

TFWS 2223

INVITATION, CONFESSION, and PARDON

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession (from Abingdon Worship Annual (1 Timothy 1, Luke 15))

**Loving Shepherd, pour your grace upon us this day.
Seek those who are wandering and lost,
For they too need your grace.
For you know when we are wandering,
And when we have forsaken your call.
Forgive us, and bring us home.
Reclaim us and make us your own.
For you are our shepherd
And we are the sheep of your pasture.
For this grace and mercy, we are ever grateful. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (from Abingdon Worship Annual (Psalm 14, Luke 15))

Rejoice, God has changed our circumstances

For the better!

Christ’s mercy and grace redeem us

And bring us home.

We who were lost have been found.

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

* Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94
Offertory Prayer

THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

And so,
with all your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of his suffering, death and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come
again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now, and forever.

All: **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

* **HYMN** “Take Up Thy Cross” UMH 415

* **SENDING FORTH**

* “Walk With Me” TFWS 2242

** 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 has God taught you today about the Psalms?

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:

For Family and Friends:

RUMC

Nelson Hall
Julie Massaro's family
Leann & Ron Scheuble
Ray Symanski

MUMC

Aimee Chase
Alise Cook
Reggie Dawson

For Those Who Grieve:

Richard Berry Sr.'s Family
Ray Symanski's Family
The Garrett 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

Stephanie Figgins – September 6th
Jonathan Cooper – September 7th

Anniversaries

None

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

Church Office Closed Monday, September 5th – Labor Day

Church Office Closed Tuesday, September 6th – Shenandoah River District Fall Retreat

MUMC Back To School Movie & Pizza Night – Friday, September 9th, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Worship Committee Meeting – Tuesday, September 13th, 10:00 am

Nominations Committee Meeting – Tuesday, September 13th, 6:00 pm

Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, September 14th, 6:00 pm

Fig Leaf Meeting – Tuesday, September 20th, 11:00 am

Community Interfaith Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 2nd, 2:00 pm at National Sporting Library & Museum

Bible Study – Tuesdays, September 20th through November 15th – 6:30 pm at the Parsonage or via Zoom



Tuesdays 6:30 pm Starting September 20th

You are invited to join Pastor Jonathan at the **Parsonage** in Bible Study, who journeys through the major events found in the Scriptures. We will be exploring the major highlights of the grand story of Scripture. We will discuss Creation, the Fall, Israel, Jesus, the Church, and the New Creation.

The series will run from **Tuesday, September 20th, through Tuesday, November 15th.**

You can also attend the Study via **Zoom** if that works better for scheduling. See website calendar for Zoom log in.

Fall 2022

A Psalm for the Day

Date	September	October	November
1	1-2	50	104
2	3-4	51	105
3	5-6	52-53	106
4	7	54-55	107
5	8	56-57	108-109
6	9	58-59	110-111
7	10-11	60-61	112-113
8	12-13	62-63	114-115
9	14-15	64-65	116-118
10	16	66-67	119
11	17	68	120-121
12	18	69	122-123
13	19-20	70-71	124-125
14	21	72-73	126-127
15	22	74-75	128-129
16	23-24	76-77	130-131
17	25-26	78	132-133
18	27-28	79-80	134-135
19	29-30	81-82	136
20	31	83-84	137-138
21	32-33	85-86	139
22	34	87-88	140-141
23	35	89	142
24	36-37	90-91	143
25	38-39	92-93	144
26	40-41	94-95	145
27	42-43	96-97	146
28	44-45	98-99	147
29	46-47	100-101	148
30	48-49	102	149-150
31	X	103	X



Attention High School Students!

Need Community Service Hours?

RUMC is looking for volunteers to weed, mulch & paint playground equipment in time for the Fall Harvest Party in October.

Text the Church Office at 540-364-1066 or email: secretaryRUMC@gmail.com

Bring your friends!

All God's
Creatures



Community Interfaith Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 2nd, 2:00 pm
National Sporting Library & Museum
102 The Plains Rd. Middleburg, VA

Bring your beloved pet to be blessed by
Pastor Jonathan.

Invite your friends and family too!

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