

Rectortown United Methodist Church

June 5th, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday - Communion



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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

Spirit Song

UMH 347

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 104:24, 30-34, 35b, NRSV)

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of
your creatures.**

When you send forth your Spirit, they are created...
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever, may the Lord rejoice
in his works...
**who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the
mountains and they smoke!**

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live...

I will sing praise to my God while I still have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord in whom I rejoice.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All: Praise the Lord!

* HYMN Every Time I Feel the Spirit

UMH 404

OPENING PRAYER (from FOTW Worship Annual, Yr C, Vol 1, p. 182)

Holy God, who comes to us in breath, visits us from the throne of heaven, and sets us aflame with amazement and joy, you open our paths to new visions and guide our feet deeper into your wisdom. Give us faith to trust your presence, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year C, Volume 1, p. 182)

Holy Wisdom, you are the pillar of fire that leads us into each new moment of our lives. By the power of your Spirit, settle now into our hearts and illumine your will. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:8-17

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

* Gloria Patri

UMH 70

MESSAGE *Surprise! The Unexpected Acts of God – the Ultimate Surprise Party*

* HYMN Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

INVITATION, CONFESSION, and PARDON

Insert

Invitation, Confession and Pardon

(adapted from *the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2022*)

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.

Spirit of truth, Giver of visions, Sender of dreams, our hearts remain troubled and afraid.

For we fear the future, forgetting your promise to do whatever we ask in your name.

You promise to fill us with new vision, to give us gifts of prophecy and dreams.

Yet, we act as if we are on our own, forgetting your promise to fill us with your Spirit.

You tell us that we are not alone, that you are always with us.

Forgive us when we forget, and we fail to keep your commandments to love you and one another.

Friends, hear the good news – the Holy Spirit is always with us, filling us with prophecy, visions, and dreams. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

Insert

GIVING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

- * Doxology UMH 94
- Offertory Prayer

THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

- * HYMN Because He Lives UMH 364

SENDING FORTH

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

- * The Spirit Sends Us Forth (v. 1) TFWS 2241

** 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

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year C, Volume 1, p. 185)

What gift of yours, of your family, and of your community has the Holy Spirit especially nurtured in recent times? How might that gift be expressed and used in a new way in the coming year?

Prayers of Intercession

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. C, Vol. 1, pp. 172-168)

On this day of Pentecost and with joy for the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings for the world, saying: God, in your mercy; hear our prayers.

We thank you for the wonder that erupted on the day of Pentecost and for the birth of your church. We thank you for the gifts of amazement and challenge, and for all the witnesses whose lives have been altered by your power alive in our world. God, in your mercy...

hear our prayers.

We thank you for the many peoples of this earth whose visions differ and whose languages offer special insights; whose ways of worship and compassion feed our own. God, in your mercy...

hear our prayers.

For the earth itself, through whose creatures we see your love and in whose winds we remember the coming of the Spirit, we thank you. God, in your mercy...

hear our prayers.

Make us grateful for the confounding experiences the Holy Spirit's presence creates in our lives, for the marvel of new visions, for the wisdom in prophetic words, and for the prayers of your great high priest. God, in your mercy...

hear our prayers.

Make us hungry to protect the health and nurturance of all people. Let your fire burn in the leaders of the nations; in governors and mayors and on city councils and school boards. Guard the lives of peacemakers, soldiers, philosophers, and artists. Pool the skills and passion of all your people for the

sake of our delight and the nourishment of others. God, in your mercy...

hear our prayers.

Give comfort to all people who are lonely and frightened, ill, imprisoned, homeless or without work, and those who face death today. God, in your mercy...

hear our prayers.

Knowing it is your Holy Spirit who has flowed through your witnesses of ages past, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us. With them, and with confidence that you hear our prayers, we commend all of these for whom we lift our voices, trusting that you give more than we need. All of these things we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:

For Family and Friends:

Linda Daniels
Wanda Hannah
Debbie McLaughlin
Randy Robinson
Roy Sisk

Roger Daniels
Mike Johnson
Tom McLaughlin
Zulla Russell
Hazel Sisk

For Those Who Grieve:

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

Tammy Frazier – Wednesday, June 8th

Erika Harrington – Wednesday, June 8th

Deborah McLaughlin – Wednesday, June 8th

Anniversaries

None

UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

Trustees Meeting – Wednesday, June 8th

Worship Committee – Tuesday, June 14th

2022 VAUMC Annual Conference – June 16th – 18th

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