

Welcome to the Middleburg-Rectortown Cooperative Parrish Online Service!

*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.*

ENTRANCE

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.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and CELEBRATIONS

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020, p.228)

L: With hearts ready to serve...

P: God turns our mourning into singing and our sorrows into laughter.

L: With hope and expectation...

P: God turns our weeping into celebration and our grief into shouts of joy.

L: Come before the Lord with yearning, with hearts ready to serve.

OPENING PRAYER (adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020, p. 228)

Most loving and gracious God – before the mountains were brought forth, and the seas began to roar, you are God. You make us like grass, which flourishes in the morning and fades in the evening. In the blink of an eye, we turn back to dust, for a thousand years in your sight are like a watch in the night. Restore us, O Lord, and heal us with your saving love, for we are your people, and you are our God. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN Lord, Be Glorified

TFWS 2150

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

Don't bury your talent...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. A, Vol 2, p. 239)

Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, so that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of the light. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

90:1-12

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:14-30

* Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

MESSAGE *How many shopping days left?*

HYMN Light of the World

TFWS 2204

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory Prayer

THANKSGIVING

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Our Father, 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 trespasses, as we
forgive those who trespass 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.

HYMN Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

UMH 89

SENDING FORTH

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Make Us One

TFWS 2224

*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 A, Volume 2, p. 224)

When is our refusal to accept human limits productive, and when does
this hinder our creaturely stance before God? Is knowing that God is
God, and we are not, a message of eternal grace that we can hear?

And in the face of tragedy and death, can we bear that grace in
confidence and peace?

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