

Welcome to the Rectortown United Methodist Church

*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, 2021, pp .99-100)*

When we love with our lives, we become
reflections of God for all to see.

Love one another, even when love involves risk.

We love as God loves us.

Love and care for others, even when caring is hard.

We love and care as God loves and cares for us.

Love in truth and action.

By this we are known as children of God.

HYMN Savior, Like A Shepherd, Lead Us UMH 381

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 100)*

Shepherd of love, guide our thoughts and our actions, so that we too might become shepherds of love. Speak to our hearts as we listen this day, so that our hearts may expand and embrace all of your sheep. Love us fully, so that we might love all of the flocks of your world as fully as we are loved by you. In your shepherding love we pray. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLE's MESSAGE

Love is... what love does...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. B, Vol 1, p. 162)

Lord God – good shepherd – by the leading of your Spirit, help us to listen for your voice and follow in your path all the days of our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:11-18

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

PSALM READING

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:16-24

* Glory Be to the Father

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.

TODAY's MESSAGE Loving not with words but with action...

HYMN Guide My Feet TFWS 2208

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH UMH 882

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 The Gift of Love

UMH 408

SENDING FORTH

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

UMH 128

*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 B, Volume 1, p. 164)

What does it mean to lay down our lives for one another? Think about people who've been 'good shepherds' to you by sharing the love and showing the way of Jesus Christ. Who has helped to lead you in right paths or walked with you in dark valleys? Who has given you comfort and calmed your fears? Who has shown you hospitality and grace?

How have you done these things for others?

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