

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, p.46)

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, he emerged from the waters...

**to see the heavens splitting open and the Spirit soaring
down like a dove.**

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, he stood up from the waters and heard...

“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, he emerged from the waters...

to walk a new path and to call the world to join him.

Here comes God’s kingdom. Teach us your path, Lord Jesus. Now is the time!

HYMN Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days UMH 269

OPENING PRAYER (adapted from the UM BOW, p. 47)

Creator and Sovereign God – our world and our lives are often full of threat. We return to you in this place today to be reminded that you do not abandon us to the hard realities of our lives. You are the one who saves us. You are the one who faithfully teaches us your life-giving ways. You are the one who instills courage

within us to stand up from the waters of our baptism and to walk your path. Enter our hearts and lives for your powerful purposes. These things we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLE’s MESSAGE

A rainbow of promises...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. B, Vol 1, p. 98)

Most loving and gracious God – in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we may repent and believe and see anew how the time is fulfilled and the kingdom has come near. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:9-15

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

PSALM READING

25:1-10

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 9:8-17

* 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 A global guarantee...

HYMN Spirit Song

UMH 347

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 Trust and Obey

UMH 467

SENDING FORTH

El Shaddai

UMH 123

*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.)

Jesus is God's beloved Son, and his baptism signals the only realm to which he owes allegiance. His baptism, then, not only is a religious act, but it's also a political and economic one. In what ways does your baptism into Christ make claims on your political, social, and economic practices as well as your religious practices?

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