

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. 56-57)*

What if all our words were pleasing to God? Might
we discover wisdom and change the world?

Called by Christ...

we gather as one.

Blessed by God's wisdom...

we gather to learn.

Amazed by God's love...

we gather to worship.

HYMN How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 57)*

**Most loving and gracious God of glory and might – speak to us
with your wisdom, so that we might truly hear you. Display your
majesty, so that we might truly see you. Transform the chaos of
our lives with the clarity of your call, so that we might worship you
in spirit and in truth. We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. B, Vol 1, p. 112)

**Holy Spirit of God, let the words of my mouth and the meditations
of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our rock and
our redeemer. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 2:13-22

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

PSALM READING

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:1-17

* 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 *Contracts and Covenants...*

HYMN The Old Rugged Cross

UMH 504

INVITATION, CONFESSION, and PARDON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory Prayer

THANKSGIVING

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13-15

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 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

UMH 404

SENDING FORTH

In His Time

TFWS 2203

*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. 115)

The third Sunday of Lent focuses on the gift of God's law. John Calvin taught that the Ten Commandments: show us how to live before God and neighbor; instruct our common life and show us how to live responsibly in the freedom God gives; and show us how we should live because we are a people who've already received God's grace and love in Jesus Christ. Does God's law restrict or enhance our freedom as human beings?

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