

# Rectortown United Methodist Church

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, 10:00 a.m.  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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## Welcome to 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.*

*\* 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 of God, Descend Upon My Heart

UMH 500

**CALL to WORSHIP** *(adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2022, pp. 128-129)*

Those who devote their love to God  
receive unending love and devotion.

Jesus dwells among us, teaching us to believe in his name.

**Let us offer God our thanks.**

The Holy Spirit dwells among us, guiding us down the paths of life.

**Let us offer God our praise.**

God dwells among us, beckoning us to worship.

**Let us offer God our worship.**

**HYMN** Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH 103

**OPENING PRAYER** *(adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2022, p. 129)*

**Most gracious and loving God – you give your people visions,  
allowing us to believe in your words. We come to you today to  
keep our word, profess our love, and proclaim our faith.**

**Nurture our hearts with your teachings, and nurture our minds with your grace. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE**

*I'll be back!*

## ***PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE***

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. C, Vol 1, p. 167)*

**Living God – by the power of your Holy Spirit, fling wide the doors of our hearts this day as we hear your word of life, so that we may open our lives to serve your world in love. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 16:9-15

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

People: Thanks be to God.

### **RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 67

UMH 791

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 14:23-29

\* Gloria Patri

UMH 70

### **MESSAGE** *Jesus' farewell address...*

\* **HYMN** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

### **AFFIRMATION of OUR FAITH**

UMH 882

### **SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS**

### **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

## **GIVING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

\* Doxology  
Offertory Prayer

UMH 94

## ***THANKSGIVING***

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

\* **HYMN** Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723

## ***SENDING FORTH***

\* **BENEDICTION**

\* **POSTLUDE**

\* Bind Us Together  
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***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. 169)*

When Lydia hears the gospel, she becomes the first Christian in Europe. Let by the Spirit, Lydia's faith is decisive and her witness is immediate. The word opens her heart in love, and she opens her house in hospitality in service of the gospel. How might Lydia's witness excite your sense of ministry and mission today? Where might you find someone searching for God's word?

## Prayers of Intercession

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

In this season of the Spirit let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings for the world, saying: Lord, send out your Spirit...  
and renew the face of the earth.

All creation lives to praise you, O God. As the earth yields its blessing, may we honor and protect the precious gifts of nature and give thanks for the beauty, healing, and sustenance it provides for all. Lord, send out your Spirit...  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

You bless your church throughout all the ages with leaders like Paul and Lydia to share in the spreading of the gospel. Give to your church this day a profound sense of the mission to which you now call us for the life and health of all the world. Lord, send out your Spirit...  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

You judge the people with equity and guide the nations of the earth. Give to all leaders and people the gift of wisdom and the spirit of peace, so that we may walk by your light as we serve the common good. Lord, send out your Spirit...  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

You promise to be with us always through the comfort of your Holy Spirit. Give to all who suffer violence, grief, pain, or illness and enduring trust in Jesus so that joy will rise again. Lord, send out your Spirit...  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

You are the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. Be with all of us in all the world so that your will may be fulfilled. May we all come to share in your heavenly city with voices of unending praise.

**Amen.**

## PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:

### For Family and Friends:

Linda Daniels	Roger Daniels
Wanda Hannah	Mike Johnson
Debbie McLaughlin	Tom McLaughlin
Randy Robinson	Zulla Russell
Roy Sisk	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](mailto:secretaryrumc@gmail.com), or by calling (540) 364-1066.**

## RUMC CELEBRATIONS

### Birthdays

Kayla Ryder – Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversaries

Ben and Yeshi Pisarcik, Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

## UPCOMING MEETINGS and EVENTS

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship – May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am at MUMC  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Picnic – May 29<sup>th</sup> after worship at Northern Fauquier  
Community Park.

## **FIFTH SUNDAY JOINT WORSHIP**

Our next Fifth Sunday joint worship service  
will be at Middleburg UMC on:

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 10:30 am**

After the service, there will be a joint RUMC-MUMC picnic at Northern Fauquier Community Park at the Lakeview Pavilion #6. This will be a celebration and farewell for Pastors Faith and Steve. I hope you will put this date on your calendars and plan to attend! And, oh by the way, don't forget to invite a friend to come along with you for all the fun and fellowship!

### **WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We all really enjoy and appreciate the jobs that Larry, Tammy, and Carl do for us during our Sunday worship services! Unfortunately, they cannot be here every Sunday morning – and when they cannot be here, then we need others to fill in so our online worship and inhouse multimedia still work! If you would like to volunteer as the videographer (online service), the multimedia (inhouse powerpoint), worship leader (greeting, announcements, opening prayer), or scripture reader (prayer for illumination, first reading, and psalm reading), please let us know!

### **BIBLE STUDY: “REVELATION”**

**Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm via ZOOM**

“*Revelation*” is often regarded as the hardest book in the New Testament. In fact, many people avoid “*Revelation*” because of it's often strange, lurid, sometimes bizarre, and even violent imagery. But, “*Revelation*” actually offers one of the clearest and sharpest visions of God's ultimate purpose for all of creation, and of the way in which the powerful forces of evil, at work in a thousand ways, can be and are being overthrown through the victory of Jesus the Messiah and the consequent costly victory of his followers. Join us as we finish exploring “*Revelation*” with Chapter 22 at our last meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm!

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