

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, 2020, p. 282)

Even as an old man, Simeon was able to see, in the child Jesus, the promise of God's salvation. What do we see?

L: Praise the Lord from the highest heaven.

P: The sun and moon, and all the stars in the sky, sing praises to our God.

L: Praise the Lord from the deepest valley.

P: The mountains and hills, and all the trees of the forest, worship the Lord on high.

L: Praise the Lord from heart filled with song.

P: The old and young, and all the saints of God, sing with songs of joy.

L: Come! Let us worship the ruler of heaven and earth!

OPENING PRAYER (adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020, p. 282)

Most loving and gracious God – Light of the world – shine in our lives this day. As we gather to worship you this day, give us the eyes of Simeon and the faith of Anna, so that we may see the promise of our salvation. As we come before you with hope and expectation, give us the spirit of your Son, so that we too may grow in strength and increase in wisdom. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN O Come O Come Emmanuel UMH 211

HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem UMH 230

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. B, Vol 1, p. 31)

As you led Simeon to embrace the infant Jesus, guide us, Holy Spirit, by your gracious light so that we may welcome your saving Word. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40

* 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 Living and trusting in God 100%

HYMN There's A Song in the Air UMH 249

Special Music Mary Did You Know Sarah Brissing

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 O Come All Ye Faithful

UMH 234

HYMN Joy to the World

UMH 246

SENDING FORTH

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He Is Born

UMH 228

*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. 33)

Consider what it means to be a child of God by adoption. What does it mean to you to think of yourself as a brother or sister of Jesus, who is the Son of God?

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December 27th, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



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