

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.52)

Give thanks to the Lord, whose steadfast love endures forever. Let the faithful give thanks to the Lord.

God is good.

All the time.

And, all the time...

God is good.

Let all God's people cry out in joy...

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Come! Let us worship the Lord of our salvation.

HYMN Amazing Grace

UMH 378

OPENING PRAYER (adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 61)

Most loving and gracious God – you meet us in our time of need and cause your face to shine upon us. You sent your Son into the world so that we might be saved; and you fashioned us into vessels of your love and light. Redeem us this day, O God, so that we may be found worthy of the one who came to bring us life. We ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLE's MESSAGE

The greatest gift of all...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. B, Vol 1, p. 118)

Almighty and everlasting God – by the power of your Holy Spirit open your Word and illumine our darkened world, so that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth in Jesus Christ. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:14-21

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

107:1-3, 17-22

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

* 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 *Unbreakable...*

HYMN There Is A Balm in Gilead

UMH 375

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 Because He Lives

UMH 364

SENDING FORTH

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557

*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. 120)

What does the light of God's truth reveal about your life? Are there parts of your life that you want to hide from God?
Can you imagine what it would be like to live completely transparent to God's piercing light?

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