

# 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. 90)*

How beautiful it is when we live together in unity and love!

Come, walk in the light.

**We walk together as children of light and love.**

Come, gather in the love of God.

**We gather together as children of light and love.**

Come, live in the unity of God's Holy Spirit.

**We live together as children of light and love.**

**HYMN** I Want to Walk As A Child of the Light UMH 206

### **OPENING PRAYER** *(adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 90)*

**Light of the world, shine upon us with your Holy Spirit. Gather in our midst, so that we might know you are truly here. Guide us in unity and love, so that we might be a blessing of unity and love for the whole world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **YOUNG DISCIPLE'S MESSAGE**

Seeing is believing...

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. B, Vol 1, p. 152)*

**God of all who doubt and believe, by the gift of your Holy Spirit enable us to hear with our ears, to see with our eyes, and to touch with our hands your Word of Life, who is Jesus Christ our Lord. This we pray in his most holy and precious name. Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 4:32-35

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM READING**

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### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:19-31

\* 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** Doubt? I doubt it!

**HYMN** Trust and Obey UMH 467

**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 Close to Thee

UMH 407

## SENDING FORTH

Make Us One

TFWS 2224

*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. 155)

As we consider Thomas' story, think about the place where we gather for worship. Is it open to the surprising presence of Christ and the liberating gifts of the Holy Spirit? Are there times when your questions and doubts grow deeper? Are there times when your faith is strengthened and renewed?

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