

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.110)*

May we all be one.

To worship and pray...

we have come this day.

To meditate on God's teachings...

we have come this day.

Gathered as one family of Christ...

we come together in love.

HYMN I Love to Tell the Story

UMH 156

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted the United Methodist BOW, p. 584)*

Eternal and loving God – today we give thanks to you for your goodness through all the years of worship and witness in this place. For your grace in calling us to be your people, for your love revealed to us in Christ your Son, for your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation...

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who established this congregation, for their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities...

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have been members of this congregation, for those who have given freely of their time and money, for those whose wisdom guided our congregation...

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have preached and taught here, for all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord, for all who today lead in worship, witness, and service...

We give you thanks, O God.

Give us the assurance that we too belong to that great company, and that we too may find the peace that passes understanding.

We pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLE'S MESSAGE

Heaven is real ...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. B, Vol 1, p. 171)

May the reading from Scripture this day sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

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 14:1-4, 6b-7, 27-31a

* 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 offered by Rev. Dr. Bill Wade

HYMN He Lives UMH 310

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 I'll Fly Away TFWS 2282

SENDING FORTH

Jesus Shall Reign UMH 157

*This worship service has ended, and now your service begins.
As you leave church today, you are entering the mission field.*

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Homecoming 2021

Celebrating 240 years of missions and ministries.



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