

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 *(from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 105)*

Christ is the vine. We are the branches.
Abide in the vine, and you will abide in love.

Come to Christ, the true vine, and bear much fruit.

**We have come to abide in the vine, and to bear the
fruit of salvation.**

Come to love one another, for love is of God.

WE have come to the household of love, for God is love.

Come to set aside your fears, for perfect love drives out fear.

We have come to love one another, as God has loved us.

Come! All are welcome here.

HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth UMH 92

OPENING PRAYER *(from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 105)*

Most loving and gracious God – the soil of your love nurtures the roots of our lives each and every day. As we consecrate ourselves into your loving care, plant us in the soil of your love, so that we may abide in Christ, our true vine, and bear the fruit of your love

and grace. Give us rain in seasons of doubt and nourish our growth, so that our harvest of love may bless the world. All these things we pray in Jesus's name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

Branches on the tree...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 1, p. 166)

Come, Holy Spirit, so that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSIVE READING

22:25-31

GOSPEL READING

Acts 8:26-40

* 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 *Follow the verbs...*

HYMN I Need Thee Every Hour UMH 397

INVITATION, CONFESSION, and PARDON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory Prayer

THANKSGIVING

THE GREAT 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.

SENDING FORTH

HYMN Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

UMH 703

SENDING FORTH

Bind Us Together

TFWS 2226

*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. 168)

What is your deepest desire? Jesus says that “whatever you wish... it will be done for you.” Spend time in the next days asking yourself at evermore profound levels what you most devoutly wish for in this life and the next. Then ask for it.

Rectortown United Methodist Church

Location: 3049 Rectortown Road, Rectortown, VA

Mailing Address: PO Box 301, Rectortown, VA 20140

Email: secretaryrumc@gmail.com Phone: (540) 364-1066

Rectortown United Methodist Church

May 2nd, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



Bishop: *Sharma D. Lewis*

District Superintendent: *Rev. Charles F. Ledlum-Bates*

Pastor: *Rev. Steven W. Weedling*

4082 Rectortown Road, Marshall, VA 20115

Pastor's Cell Phone: (540) 340-2569

Pastor's E-mail: steveweeding@vaumc.org

Music Director: *Karen Chase*

Ministers: *every member of the congregation*