

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, 2018, p.127)*

God's Spirit blows where it will – in here, out there, inside our lives, amongst our church. May the Spirit blow through us this day and speak to us clearly, for we are the children of God.

Jesus calls, inviting us in.

Holy, holy, holy God, we gather as your children.

The Spirit calls, inviting us to listen.

Holy, holy, holy Christ, we sit at your feet.

The Father calls, adopting us as family.

Holy, holy, holy Spirit, we come to worship.

HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty UMH 64

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 128)*

Holy Spirit, as we gather in your presence, blow through this space and through our lives, so that we may sense your presence in and among us. As we sing your praise reveal our glory to us, so that we may discover the gift of humility in our time of worship. As we listen for your word, speak to our hearts, so that we may hear your call. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLE's MESSAGE

The gospel in a nutshell...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. B, Vol 2, p. 2)

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life; breathe into us so that we may hear a word of truth this day. Draw us into communion, enable us to love, conspire to make us one with you for the world you so deeply love. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 6:1-8

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 3:1-17

* 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 Born anew to love...

HYMN We Are God's People TFWS 2220

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 Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

SENDING FORTH

Glory Hallelujah (refrain)

UMH 717

*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 2, p. 4)

Jesus invites us to be born from above and receive new and abundant life. Salvation – or abundant life – is understood as a present reality in the Gospel of John. If the gift of God's love made known to us in Christ through the Spirit is stirred up by gratitude, what daily practice could increase your sense of gratitude? How could a simple practice of thanking God at any given moment in the day enliven your experience of salvation?

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