

# 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)

Sing praise with all of creation. Sing praise with all of  
humanity. Sing praise together, for all of our songs come  
from one God, who is Creator of all.

Sing a new song...

**a song of love for all.**

Sing of the Spirit of love...

**the Spirit who loves us all.**

Sing of God's abiding love...

**so that we might love one another and all of the world.**

Sing a new song...

**a song of love for all.**

**HYMN** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH 400

### **OPENING PRAYER** (adapted the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 110)

**Most loving and gracious God – abide in us and in our worship.  
Whisper your song of love in our hearts, so that love may flow  
through every word we hear, every thought we think, every word  
we speak, and every song we sing. Spirit of power and grace,**

**abide in us, so that we may abide in your love and proclaim your  
song of love for all. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **YOUNG DISCIPLE's MESSAGE**

A heart full of joy...

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your  
word, so that we would hear what you say to us today. May your  
Holy Spirit be poured out upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

John 15:9-17

This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM READING**

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### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Acts 10:44-48

\* 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** When Jesus interrupts...

**HYMN** The Summons TFWS 2130

**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 Victory In Jesus

UMH 370

### *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. 172)

In the gospel reading this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends, and says that he makes known to us everything that he hears from God. How does thinking of Christ as our friend – or Lord and Master – affect our daily living?

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