

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 from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p.151)*

With each breath we take, our spirits breathe in God's Spirit. Our souls rejoice in the one who fully knows our hearts. God's grace sustains us, even in the midst of our weaknesses. As we exhale, let us reflect upon our relationships with our neighbors. The same Spirit that energizes us nourishes our neighbors. Pondering God's steadfast love, may we see the ways that God is calling us in the place in this time.

When winds tear into our vessels...

God's grace will be our guide.

When insecurities mount up within our souls...

God's strength will be our guide.

When hardships weaken our resolve...

God's mercy will be our guide.

When insults rip and slander stains...

God's courage will be our guide.

When vulnerability saps our faith...

God's presence will be our guide.

HYMN Grace Alone

TFWS 2162

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 151)*

Most loving and gracious God – through your voice, we understand who you created us to be. Through your voice, we understand our calling. Through your persistent presence, we find resilience. May we contently embrace our vulnerabilities. May we boldly claim our pasts, and may we find our future with determination and grace. All this we pray in Jesus's name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

Don't forget your umbrella...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 2, p. 63)

Holy God – by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us through Jesus Christ who is your living Word, and in who's name we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSIVE READING

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UMH 782

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6:1-13

* Gloria Patri

UMH 70

MESSAGE Isn't this the carpenter?

HYMN Amazing Grace

UMH 378

