

# 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. 170)*

Encourage one another to live as people worthy of God's calling.

As one body of Christ...

**we gather together this day.**

Blessed by the one Spirit...

**we gather in unity and love.**

**HYMN** You Satisfy the Hungry Heart UMH 629

### **OPENING PRAYER** *(adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 170)*

**Most loving and gracious God – speak truth to us this day. Speak truth to the most inward parts of our hearts and minds, so that we might speak your truth in love and so that you might speak your truth through us into our communities and beyond each and every day. All this we pray in Jesus's name. Amen.**

### **YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE**

Jesus is the Bread of Life...

## *PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 2, p. 109)*

**Holy God – may the reading of scripture this day reveal to us your living Word who is the Bread you send from heaven to give life to all the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM RESPONSIVE READING**

51:1-12

UMH 785

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

John 6:24-35

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UMH 70

**MESSAGE** The metaphors of our faith...

**HYMN** In Christ There is No East or West

UMH 548

**INVITATION, CONFESSION, and PARDON**

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### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **GIVING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES**

Offertory Prayer



## THANKSGIVING

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

## SENDING FORTH

HYMN The Servant Song

TFWS 2222

### 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 2, p. 110)

Jesus says that people were looking for him not because they saw signs but because they had eaten their fill of the bread he had multiplied.

What do you think he meant? What is “*the food that endures for eternal life?*”

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# Rectortown United Methodist Church

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