

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. 182)

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.”
Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts.

Great are the works of our God – the wise take delight in them.

The works of the Lord are faithful and just.

Mighty are the precepts of our God – the wise regard them as trustworthy and true.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Blessed are the teachings of our God – the wise apply them in all things.

Come! Let us worship the Lord, whose faithful love endures forever.

HYMN Be Thou My Vision UMH 451

OPENING PRAYER (adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 182)

Most loving and gracious God – source of wisdom and understanding, your ways lead the upright of heart. Give us wise and discerning minds, so that we may seek your wisdom above earthly riches, as Solomon did after the death of his father, David. Grant us pure and unblemished souls, so that we may speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Be with us in this time of worship, so that we may learn to discern good from evil and seek to live our lives with your wisdom and grace. All this we pray in Jesus’s name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES’ MESSAGE

O, be careful...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 2, p. 128)

Most loving and gracious God – through the reading of holy scripture, feed us with your living Word and reveal to us the way of everlasting life. This we pray in Jesus’s name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-20

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 832

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:51-58

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UMH 70

MESSAGE *You are what you eat...*

HYMN O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee UMH 430

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH UMH 882

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory Prayer

THANKSGIVING

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

SENDING FORTH

HYMN Shine, Jesus, Shine TFWS 2173

SENDING FORTH
Awesome God TFWS 2040

*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. 130)

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night;
and God said, "Ask what I should give you" (1 Kings 3:5).
If God said to you, "Ask what I should give you," how would you
respond?

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