

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. 177)*

Whoever comes to Christ will never hunger.
Whoever believes in him will never thirst.
Blessed be the bread of life and the living water.

Come, children of God. Come and find refuge and strength.

Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

Come, heirs with Christ. Come and find forgiveness and joy.

Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

Come, people of faith. Come to the one who is attentive to our pleas.

Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.

HYMN Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah UMH 127

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p.177)*

Most loving and gracious God – you redeem us from our wrongs. We come before you today, eager to be refreshed in body and to be made whole in spirit. Feed us from the living bread that comes down from heaven, for we are drawn to your Son as steel is drawn to a magnet. Build up our community of faith through the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may live as those who are worthy of our calling. All this we pray in Jesus’s name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES’ MESSAGE

Our perfect role model...

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 2, p. 118)

Almighty God – as we hear your gracious Word, make us hungry for Jesus, your holy manna, so that we may feed on him who is the Bread of Life. In his name we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSIVE READING

130 UMH 848

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 6:35, 41-51

* Gloria Patri UMH 70

MESSAGE Metaphors – the ‘Bread’ and the ‘Body’...

HYMN Lord, I Want to Be a Christian UMH 402

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 Light of the World

TFWS 2204

SENDING FORTH

God Be With You Til We Meet Again

UMH 672

*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. 1120)

What do you hunger for in life? Do you hunger only for things you truly need, or do you hunger for things you want but which may not be good for you or for those around you?

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**Rectortown United
Methodist Church**

August 8th, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



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