

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. 200)*

Wisdom shouts from the streets. Above the noisy crowd she cries out.
Will we take heed and listen to her voice?

Wisdom shouts her warnings in the street.

We have come to forsake our foolish ways.

Wisdom longs to pour out her Spirit on all flesh.

We will not shrink from her blessings.

Wisdom imparts holy knowledge to save us.

We will not shut out the lessons she teaches.

Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

HYMN Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me UMH 361

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 200)*

Eternal God – the heavens declare your glory, even as Wisdom proclaims your precepts to all people. Set our minds on the things that are above rather than things that are below, so that when the journey becomes hard, we may have the courage to follow you to

the very end. Be with us in our hour of need, so that we may be found faithful when Wisdom comes to call. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

Fans or followers?

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 2, p. 162)

Lord, let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you. Be our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 1:20-33

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 750

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

* Gloria Patri

UMH 70

MESSAGE Wisdom is more than simply knowing...

HYMN Would I Have Answered When You Called TFWS 2137

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 Freely, Freely

UMH 389

SENDING FORTH

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

TFWS 2151

*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. 164)

How do you seek God's wisdom in your life? What are the signs and symbols of God's presence that surround your everyday life?

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