

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. 204)*

The wisdom from above calls to us – calling us to peace and gentleness, kindness and mercy, goodness and service.

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

As we come into God's presence, the Spirit is speaking words of wisdom.

The Spirit calls us to kindness and peace. Wisdom calls us to service and love.

HYMN I Surrender All UMH 354

OPENING PRAYER *(adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2021, p. 204)*

Most loving and gracious God – humble our hearts and quiet our minds, so that we may reflect your servant heart in everything we think, say, and do. Plant your wisdom in our lives, so that we might live your teachings and bear fruit at just the right time. With humble hearts we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

Who is the greatest?

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Year B, Volume 2, p. 178)

We pray for your great wisdom, O God, to come to us who are your people to set us free. Help us hear what the Spirit is saying to the church this day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:30-37

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 738

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

* Gloria Patri

UMH 70

MESSAGE The source of conflict among you...

HYMN Close to Thee

UMH 407

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

UMH 882

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

* Doxology

* Offertory Prayer

UMH 94

THANKSGIVING

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

SENDING FORTH

HYMN Just A Closer Walk with Thee

TFWS 2158

SENDING FORTH

Make Me a Servant

TFWS 2176

*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. 180)

Give yourself some moments each day in the coming week to sit quietly with your eyes closed. Visualize Jesus kneeling down, opening his arms, and bringing you close to his heart. Let yourself be a little child who is welcomed. What do you notice?

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