Welcome to the Middleburg-Rectortown Cooperative Parrish Online Service!

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 and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG SELECTION Yes, I will - Vertical Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020)

L: How long, O Lord?

P: How long must we hold onto this pain?

L: How long will the aches of our souls have power over our hearts?

- P: How long must we bear the weight of worry, guilt, and sorrow?
- L: Move beyond the past that holds us captive.
- P: We will move forward, despite the scars.
- L: May God's steadfast love heal our spirits.
- P: May God's steadfast love help us discover the road to salvation.
- L: Let us sing with renewed voices.
- P: Let us sing of divine generosity.

OPENING PRAYER (adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020)

Most loving and gracious God, in whom we bear our souls – we take comfort and courage in your presence. Through your love and light, we are able to explore what it takes to place our trust entirely in you. Help us lovingly put you before all else, as we journey the corridors of uncertainty, knowing that your steadfast love shepherds us on paths unknown. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen. SONG SELECTION Do It Again – Elevation Worship

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. A, Vol 2, p. 58)

Loving God – as we hear your Word this day, send your Spirit to equip and inspire us, so that your grace-filled hospitality may be the center of our lives. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 6:12-23

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

PSALM READING

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 10:40-42

* Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

MESSAGE Those who receive...

HYMN Here I am, Lord – Sung by Chris Bray - UMH 593

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Offertory Prayer

THANKSGIVING

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

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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 A, Volume 2, p. 59)

The life and witness of the prophet Jeremiah remind us that in challenging times we often choose denial and despair and resort to easy answers. How can we more faithfully discern God's will during times of trial in our life, nation, or church? At the expense of comfort, ease, and half-truths, to whom or to what do you turn for the courage to choose justice, hope, and truth; and what is the reward that you seek?

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