

# 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, ANNOUNCEMENTS and CELEBRATIONS**

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

L: We are like seeds on the wind, set free by the Sower.

**P: The hand of God saves us from the rocky pathways and the thorny ground.**

L: In Christ, we find good soil.

**P: The Holy Spirit nourishes us as we grow.**

L: Come! Let us worship the Sower, who plants us in the fields of life.

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

**Most loving and gracious Creator God – cast us like seeds upon the winds of your mercy, so that we may grow in fertile ground. Keep our lives from stony pathways where the heat of life’s struggles and burdens strip our strength and vitality. Protect us from thorny gullies where temptations block the sunshine of your Spirit. Land us safely in the rich soil of your mercy and grace so that our faith may increase and our joy may be complete. These things we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**HYMN** What A Mighty God We Serve

TFWS 2021

## **YOUNG DISCIPLES’ MESSAGE**

## *PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. A, Vol 2, p. 76)

**God, your word goes out and does not return empty but prospers that for which it was sent. By your Spirit, open our minds to your word this day, so that we might walk according to your ways for the sake of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM READING**

119:105-112

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 8:1 thru 11

\* 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** *Broken spirits, broken bodies...*

**HYMN** To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

### **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.

HYMN Bring Forth the Kingdom

TFWS 2190

## SENDING FORTH

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Joy in the Morning

TFWS 2284

*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. 65)

How is God's resurrecting Spirit at work in you and in your  
community? Were you experiencing new life? Where are you  
struggling? How might God be bringing new life from that struggle?

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# Middleburg-Rectortown Cooperative Parish

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

## Broken...



**good news for tough times.**

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