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: Praise the Lord!

- **P:** We gather to sing praises to God.
- L: Praise the Lord!

P: We gather to give thanks for all God has done in our lives.

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P: We gather to worship our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

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

Most loving and gracious Creator God – we come before you with sighs too deep for words. We come with hearts overwhelmed – by the world, by personal relationships, and by inward struggles. We come to praise your name and to be reassured of your unending grace. In this time and place, open our hearts to serve you and the world. May our lives reflect Christ, who walks with us and gives us life. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN I Am Thine, O Lord UMH 419

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. A, Vol 2, p. 62)

Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written and in words spoken. Intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

PSALM READING

105:1-11

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:26-39

* 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 Inseparable...

HYMN O Holy Spirit, Root of Life TFWS 2121

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 There Is A Balm in Gilead

UMH 375

SENDING FORTH

SENDING FORTH In His Time

TFWS 2203

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. 92)

Are there dilemmas or relationships in which you feel separated from the love of God? Can you imagine that God might be at work there, bringing life in unexpected ways? What would change if you were to claim the promise that nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord?

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July 26th, 2020, 11:00 a.m.

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