

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: When hatred and division separate is...

P: God's love binds us together.

L: When quarrels estrange us from one another...

P: Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation.

L: When we feel excluded and left out...

P: the Spirit's peace eases our pain.

L: When all hope of fellowship seems lost...

P: God's grace restores our hope.

L: Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

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

Most loving God of merciful grace – we yearn to be like the Joseph who wept with forgiveness on the necks of those who sold him into slavery. But we fear that our anger and resentment would lead us to take retribution on those who have wronged us. We long to see in the Canaanite woman a child of God worthy of mercy and compassion. But we fear that our deep-seated prejudices might lead us to dismiss her out of hand, as Jesus' disciples did before us. We want to open our hearts, O God, to those who are different from ourselves. But we fear to expect too much of ourselves. Help us to know the joy of living in peace and harmony, even with those

we would rather live without. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UMH 452

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. A, Vol 2, p.124)

Lord, by the power of your Spirit give us your words of life so that our faith may increase and our hearts may be made whole. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:10-28

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

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

* 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 *God is in control...*

HYMN In Christ There Is No East or West

UMH 548

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 Victory In Jesus

UMH 370

SENDING FORTH

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH 557

*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. 126)

Paul declares, "The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." How do the gifts and calling of God support us? How might they support us when we are not aware of them or even when we reject them?

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