

# 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: Sing of God's mercy and grace.

**P: Sing of God's strength and might.**

L: Praise God with laughter and joy.

**P: Praise God with feasting and dance.**

L: For God protects the lowly and avenges the misdeeds of the mighty.

**P: God brings forth justice and righteousness, saving the weak  
from the cruelty of the powerful.**

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

**Most loving and gracious God – renew our minds with the power of your Holy Spirit. Cleanse our spirits with the mercy of your grace. Bring us into fellowship with one another and grant us courage to defend the lowly. Part the waters of our troubled thoughts so that we might see others as you see them. Protect us with your powerful hand so that we might sing of your faithfulness and dance to your glory. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**HYMN** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

## **YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE**

Over and Over Again...

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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

**Holy God, your Word is strong and leads us to your holy dwelling place. Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 14:1-12

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM READING**

103:8-13

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 18:21-35

\* 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** *the math of forgiveness...*

**HYMN** Freely, Freely

UMH 389

### **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 I'll Fly Away

TFWS 2282

## SENDING FORTH

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Make Us One

TFWS 2224

*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, pp. 161 and 165)

Forgiveness is a hard thing. When has someone forgiven you? Is there someone you need to forgive or ask forgiveness from? Why is our forgiveness of others so connected to God's forgiveness? Is every sin forgivable?

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# Middleburg-Rectortown Cooperative Parish

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**No fair...**



**the math of forgiveness...**

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