

# 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: Stand firm, children of God.

**P: We come to serve the Lord.**

L: Stand firm, children of God.

**P: We come to stand in unity and love.**

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**P: We come to live faithfully and fully in Christ.**

### **OPENING PRAYER** (adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. A, Vol 2, p. 172)

**Most loving and gracious God – you come to us again and again, no matter how late it is in the day or in our lives. Calling to us, gathering us in, you give us your good work to do, daily bread, and boundless grace. Increase in us a generous spirit so that we may do your work with joy alongside others whom you also love. We celebrate your salvation not only in our lives, but also in the lives of other people, even those we had not imagined would be included in the kingdom you are bringing. Align us with your ways and help us receive your gift of justice and mercy as good news. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**HYMN** Morning Has Broken

UMH 145

## **YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE**

Is God fair?

## **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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

**Let the wisdom of your Word rain down upon us like manna from heaven so that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called so we may glorify you in all the world. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

Jonah 3:10-4:11

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM READING**

105:1-6, 45b

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 20:1-16

\* 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** *A fair wage...*

**HYMN** Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

UMH 133

### **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** Together We Serve

TFWS 2175

## SENDING FORTH

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

UMH 671

*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. 174)

In the stories from Jonah and Matthew we read today, we find people who are resentful of God's generosity toward the 'undeserving.' God responds by asking those people why God should not care and should not be generous. How do these stories of God's generosity invite us to think about our own lives?

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# Middleburg-Rectortown Cooperative Parish

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**No fair...**



**a fair wage...**

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