

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: Give ear to God's teaching.

P: We gather to hear the stories of our ancestors.

L: Incline your ears to parables and dark sayings of old.

P: We come seeking stories of God's wondrous power.

L: Tell the coming generations of God's glorious deeds.

P: We will not hide them from our children.

L: Come to the fount of living water.

P: We will drink deeply from the waters of life. Taste the wellspring of our salvation. We gather to worship as people reborn.

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

Most loving and gracious God – the stories of our ancestors touch us as dark sayings of old. Help us behold the truths in their stories that we are afraid to see in our own. Open our eyes to see your presence amidst their hopes and fears. Open our hearts to the courage it takes to assume leadership in our communities as we remain your faithful followers. Open our minds to perceive hope in the midst of despair. We believe... help our unbelief. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

YOUNG DISCIPLES' MESSAGE

Water from a rock.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(adapted from FOTW Worship Companion, Yr. A, Vol 2, p. 177)

O God, fill us with your Spirit and humble our hearts so that we can hear your Word. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:23-32

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM READING

78:1-4, 12-16

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 17:1-7

* 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 *Nostalgia...*

HYMN Precious Name

UMH 536

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 Lord of the Dance

UMH 261

SENDING FORTH

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Shalom to You

UMH 666

*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. 179)

What does it mean to do the will of God? Has God ever shown up in
the middle of your complaining? When have you been wandering in a
“wilderness of sin”?

Middleburg United Methodist Church

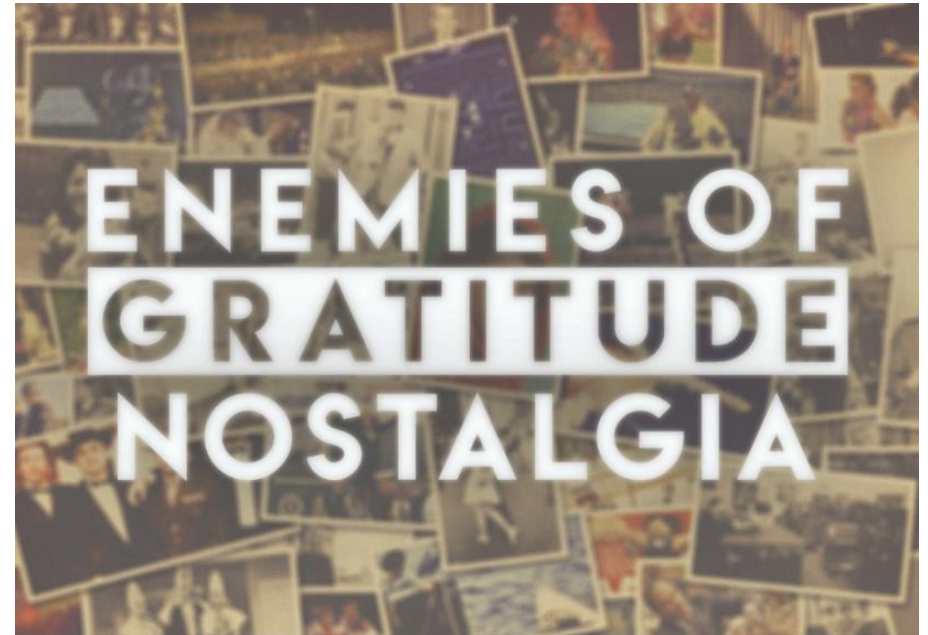
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