**Rectortown United Methodist Church**

April 20th, 2025 10:00 a.m.

*Easter Sunday Service*

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Welcome to Rectortown UMC!

*“You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!”*

Mark 16:6 NIV

**\*** *Please Stand As You Are Able and Comfortable*

**PRELUDE** - *let us quiet our minds and hearts.*

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and CELEBRATIONS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Run from fear and darkness! Hope is on

the move!
**People: Run to tell the world, Christ is risen!**
Leader: Do not be afraid. Jesus has conquered

death!
**People: We can proclaim with great**

**confidence that God’s love rules.**
Leader: Christ is risen!
**People: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!**
**ALL: ALLELUIAH!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ’s Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**\* OPENING HYMN**

“Up from the Grave He Arose” UMH 322

**YOUNG DISCIPLES’ MESSAGE**

**\*PRAYER for ILLUMINATION** UMH 393

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**EPISTLE READING**

1 Corinthians 15: 19 – 26

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

 **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Psalm 118: 1 – 2, 14 -24 UMH 839

**\*GOSPEL READING** Luke 24; 1 -12

**\*** Gloria Patri –“Glory Be to the Father” UMH 70

**SERMON**

“Resurrecting Jesus: Remembering Jesus”

**\*RESPONDING HYMN**

“Thine Be the Glory” UMH 308

**INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON**

**INVITATION (UMH 12)**

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who

love him,

Who earnestly repent of their sin

And seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God

and one another.

**CONFESSION (UMH 12)**

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we have not loved you**

**with our whole heart.**

**We have failed to be an obedient**

**church.**

**We have not done your will,**

**We have broken your law,**

**We have rebelled against your love,**

**We have not loved our neighbors,**

**And we have not heard the cry of the**

**needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PARDON (UMH 12)**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SHARING OUR JOYS and CONCERNS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**GIVING OUR GIFTS and TITHES**

Offertory:

Doxology UMH 94
 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

 Offertory Prayer

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (almighty God ), creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God,

brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.

**Amen.**

**LORD’S PRAYER, BREAKING THE BREAD, AND GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP** UMH 14

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** UMH 11

***Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.***

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” UMH 302

 (v.1,2,3 & 6)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

The alter flowers are donated by Joan Newsome in memory of:
     Johnny Newsome, Dollie Nalls, Paul Frazier, Johnny Nalls

\* *Please stand as you are able and comfortable.*

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| ***This worship service has ended, and now your service begins.******As you leave church today, you are entering the mission field.*** |

***PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND FOR THE WORLD:***

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| **For Family and Friends:** |
| Linda BrownJim CaylenTowny LunsfordChristine Felts & MotherPaula Poston | Russ & Ethel MuterJoann GarrettVickie DuffThe Reed FamilyTommy Ann |
| **For the Family of those who grieve for:**Laura SkirkaJudy BaileyLeAnn ScheubleWinnie |
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**For the Church and For the World:**

For those in need of healing, and their caretakers.

For first responders, the military, and their families.

For God’s People, The Church, and the World.

Prayers for national, state, and local leaders; and for our Nation.

**If you know someone you would like to add to our prayer list, please forward your request to the church office by email at: secretaryrumc@gmail.com, or by calling (540) 364-1066.**

**RUMC CELEBRATIONS**

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| **Birthdays** |
| Linda Rose – April 20th  | Brandon Haley – April 23rd  |
| Dylan Hall – April 23rd  | Larry Brown – April 24th  |
| Amanda Crossen – April 25th  |
| **Anniversaries** |
| None |

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**In Person Bible Study**

Every Tuesday at 10:30am in the fellowship hall

**Admin Council**

May 1st, at 7pm. In person and zoom.

**Trustees Meeting**

May 13th at 6pm. In person and zoom.

**Worship Meeting**

Monday, May 12th at 6pm. In person and zoom.

**Fig Leaf Meeting**

Tuesday, May 20th at 10am. In person and zoom.

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