**Rectortown United Methodist Church**

October 5th, 2025 10:00 a.m.

*17th Sunday after Pentecost/ World Communion*

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***Pastor****: Guest Speaker*

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***Music Director****:* Karen Chase

***Ministers****: every member of the congregation*

Welcome to Rectortown UMC!

*“This is the day that the Lord has made;  
    let us rejoice and be glad in it.”* Psalm 118:24 NRSV

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

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

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and CELEBRATIONS**

***GATHERING***

**\*BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**\*CALL to WORSHIP**

Leader: Come with your weariness, your wounds,

your questions.  
**People: We come to the Table, where all are**

**fed.**  
Leader: Come with your faith, your hope, your

longing.  
**People: We come to be renewed by God's**

**grace.**  
Leader: In every nation, across every language,

God gathers us.  
**People: We worship the Lord, united in**

**Spirit and love.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**God of every land and language, we gather today with your people across the globe. In our sorrow, give comfort. In our fear, give courage. In our division, give unity. And as we come to your Table, renew in us a spirit of hope that transcends borders and binds us together in Christ. Amen.**

**\* HYMN**

“God of Grace and God of Glory” UMH 577

***PROCLAMATION***

**YOUNG DISCIPLES’ MESSAGE**

**\*PRAYER for ILLUMINATION** UMH 393

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

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

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

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

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Lamentations 1: 1 – 6

**\*NEW TESTAMENT READING**

2Timothy 1: 1 – 14

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**  “Hold On to Grace”

***RESPONSE***

**\*RESPONDING HYMN**

“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether” UMH 632

**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** UMH 13

**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**

“Make Us One” TFWS 2224

***SENDING FORTH***

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\* POSTLUDE**

\* *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:** | |
| Russ & Ethel Muter  Patsy Williams | John McGuinn & Sydney  Sandy Thomas |
| **For the Family of those who grieve for:** | |
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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** | |
| Caroline Haley – October 8th | Larry Scheuble – October 10th |
| Erica Cooper – October 11th | |
| **Anniversaries** | |
| None | |

**Purpose of Charge Conference:**

     To receive the approval of our congregation to allow the Board of Trustees to refinance the current mortgage and loan.  Rectortown UMC is considered a business and our mortgage term is 5 years, and current loan ends on 28 September 2025.  The Trustees have made arrangements with Oak View National Bank to continue the current loan for several months until the new loan can be completed.

      As noted in para (2) below, our District Superintendent (DS) Kyungsuk Cho, outlines the steps needed in accordance with the UMC Book of Discipline Para 2540.3.  The Trustees have completed all of the actions needed to have in place, and are ready for our Lawyer, Mildred Slater to "petition the Circuit Court for an order authorizing, under VA Code Section 57-15, the church's real estate by filing the deed of trust/mortgage.

**(2) Based on the Book of Disciple (the denomination's constitution book) paragraph 2540.3, mortgaging a church’s property, as in a sale of a church’s property, requires approval at a charge conference. The deed of trust/mortgage should also contain the signature of the pastor and the District Superintendent, which is myself. I believe this matter is time-sensitive-I can arrange a charge conference virtually if that is helpful.**

**Specific location, date and time will be finalized by close of business 30 October 2025.  (The final date will be between 8 and 14 October 2025).**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Admin Council**

Thursday, **November 6th at 7pm**. In person and zoom.

**Trustees Meeting**

Tuesday, **October 14th** at 6pm. In person and zoom.

**Worship Meeting**

**October 22nd** at 10am, in person and zoom.

**Fig Leaf**

**October 17th** at 10 am, in person and zoom.

**Charge Conference Date Change**

**November 19th** at Woodstock UMC

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