

## We are happy to have you here!

We are glad you chose to come to Rutland United Methodist Church to worship this morning. Please join us after the service for a time of fellowship.

The Lectionary is a group of four verses that Christians all over the world read each week. Here are this week's Lectionary readings: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 ~ Psalm 32 ~ Romans 5:12-19 ~ Matthew 4:1-1.

Mark your calendar for Holy Week Services:

- Maundy Thursday – 6 pm – soup dinner; communion and devotional at RUMC
- Good Friday – 7 pm - service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Easter Sunday – 11:15 am – worship at RUMC

**Donations made payable to Rutland Neighbors** are greatly appreciated, and can be put in the collection plate. Volunteers are always welcome.

**Bible Study.** Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact the office or Pastor Tom for the Zoom link.

Tithes and offerings on February 15, 2026: **\$1,794.**

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# RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 22, 2026



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and we will walk in Your truth.

**People: For great is Your mercy toward us; You have delivered us.**

Leader: You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in mercy and truth.

**People: Turn to us and have mercy! Give Your strength to Your people. We come this morning to worship our merciful God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by the presence of your Holy Spirit, bless this our proclamation of your Word that we may receive the gift of your grace and share it with those who we will meet on this journey to which we are called. Speak to us this day for we, your servants, are listening. Amen.

**HYMN** *Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes* TFWS 2138

**FOCAL SCRIPTURE** **Psalm 32**

**SERMON** **Mercy, to and from**

**HYMN** *Amazing Grace (1, 2, 3, 6)* **UMH 378**

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Surprising God of Mercy, you meet us in wilderness places and walk beside us through trial and temptation. Even when we feel alone, your grace is never far, your presence never absent. In this moment of giving, we offer not just our resources, but our trust that you are already at work, shaping us through challenge, strengthening us through sacrifice, and surrounding us with unseen angels. Use these gifts to bring hope where there is hunger, healing where there is pain, and light where there is despair. May what we give reflect our desire to walk more closely with you, even in the hard places. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

**OFFERTORY** *Dust and Ashes*

### DOXOLOGY

### PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* **TFWS 2112**

**BENEDICTION** *Jesus, the Light of the World*  
*(Refrain W&S 3056)*

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Music Director: **Ann Reed**  
Accompanist: **Karen James**  
Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**  
Bells of Joy Director: **Karen James**  
Videographer: **Carol Wright**  
Ushers: **Craig Cota, Carl Wener,**  
**Jim Flint, Paul Dunbar**