

**Rutland United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, January 29, 2023 – Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman**

**Today's Greeter: Jackie Bartenstein**

If you have a blessing or prayer request that you would like read aloud for prayer today, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and hand it to the greeter.

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING MUSIC**

***Blest Are They***

**Joy Choir**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: "Come to the living waters, you who thirst, come to Me and you will come alive."

**People: Voice which calls us beyond scattered dreams, barren days, we come,**

Leader: To receive and give of God's love.

**People: Kindle our hope in this morning of life, bring us peace at day's end.**

Leader: Though exalted our hopes, no less real shall they be,

**People: For in compassion faithfulness thrives.**

**All: Spirit of God, be for us joy, in this time of searching for new life.**

**HYMN**

***Joyful Joyful, We Adore Thee***

**UMH 89**

**1** Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

**3** Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

**2** All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

**4** Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE and OFF TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**A READING FROM THE WORD**

**Psalm 40:1-11**

**Linda Allen**

**UNISON PRAYER**

**By Gregory Norbert**

I unite my spirit with all lovers of humanity and goodness, with all who nurture the God-life in their hearts and in others. I unite my spirit with all holy persons: persons of sacrifice and martyrdom, of hope and deep joyfulness, of great anguish and struggle, of creativity and imagination, of courage and graced intention. I unite my spirit with all holy persons who nurture healing and forgiveness, with persons of prayer and profound searching, of prophetic witness and quiet inspiration. I unite my heart with all who labor for justice and compassion, integrity and fidelity, as they mirror in the simplicity of their hearts, the wisdom and vision of God's presence in all. Amen.

## MOMENTS OF QUIET MEDITATION

"I am Forgiven"

### SUNG RESPONSE

*Freely, Freely (refrain)*

UMH 389

He said, "'Freely, freely you have received;  
Freely, freely give.  
Go in My name and because you believe,  
Others will know that I live.'"

## SHARING THE STORY OF FAITH

Philippians 1:3-11

### REFLECTION

"Forgiven"

Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman

## OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS; PRAYER OF DEDICATION; DOXOLOGY

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### HYMN

*You are Mine*

TFWS 2218

1. I will come to you in the silence  
I will lift you from all your fear  
You will hear My voice  
I claim you as My choice  
Be still, and know I am here

2. I am hope for all who are hopeless  
I am eyes for all who long to see  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light  
Come and rest in Me

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine

3. I am strength for all the despairing  
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free  
And all will know My name

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine

4. I am the Word that leads all to freedom  
I am the peace the world cannot give  
I will call your name, embracing all your pain  
Stand up, now, walk, and live

Refrain: Do not be afraid, I am with you  
I have called you each by name  
Come and follow Me  
I will bring you home  
I love you and you are mine

## BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

### CLOSING MUSIC

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Ann Reed

## HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

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