

## 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: Isaiah 5:1-7 ~ Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19 ~ Hebrews 11:29-12:2 ~ Luke 12:49-56

Please donate what you can to the "Bowling Bowl" that will be passed around as we collect funds each week for the Care2Spare bowling fundraiser to be held on Sunday, September 14. First ball is thrown at 12:45 pm. RUMC has a team of bowlers and they need your support! All are welcome to cheer on the team. **You can also write a check to RUMC and note "Bowling" in the memo.**

If you would like to provide special music at worship this Summer, please see Ann Reed. Joy Choir will begin again on Sunday, September 7.

Tithes & Offerings for August 10, 2025 were **\$1,060**  
Donations toward Care2Spare Bowling Fundraiser: **\$71**

**Thank you for your support of RUMC and its outreach!**



## RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 17, 2025



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Oh Shepherd and God of us all, you are enthroned in heaven. You rule the heavens.

**You are transcendent. Beyond all that we imagine.**

**Beyond all we CAN imagine.**

O Shepherd and God of all, you are as near to us as the lovers in the Song of Songs.

**You are as close as breath. Your God-breathed spirit inside our very souls.**

While others sperate themselves from God, we come here to draw closer to you. Let us worship!

**Let us Worship together.**

**HYMN** *You Are My All in All* **W&S 3040**

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the way of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *He Touched Me*

**SCRIPTURE** **Jeremiah 23:23-24**

**SERMON** *When God Feels Far Away* **Pastor Atkins**

**HYMN** *Abide With Me (v. 1-4)* **UMH 700**

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. May we give reflecting the joy of Christ and the love that unites all your saints. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**OFFERTORY** *Come, Ye Disconsolate*

### DOXOLOGY

**Passing the "Bowling Bowl" for CIW Fundraiser**

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**HYMN** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* **UMH 133**

### BENEDICTION

**CLOSING SONG:** *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

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Pianist: Ann Reed  
Trumpet: Sharon Teer  
Soloist: Diane Sharrow  
Ushers: Craig Cota, Diane Sharrow  
Carl Wener, Jim Flint, Paul Dunbar