

We are happy to have you here!

The Lectionary is a group of four verses that Christians all over the world read each week. Here are this week's Lectionary readings:

Reading from the Old Testament: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-18

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 105

Reading from the Epistles: Romans 10:5-15

Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 14:22-33

Today following worship: Potluck luncheon after worship. Food and table conversation theme: Summertime Favorites and Favorite Summertime Memories.

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

Amount needed to keep RUMC going: **\$ 8,000 per month.**

Tithes and offerings so far in August: **\$ 689**

It's time for the 2nd Annual Bowling Fundraiser!
Go to rutlandneighbors.org or contact the office!



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CHANGE LIVES. ♥

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2026 BOWLING FUNDRAISER

≡ STRIKE UP HOPE. SPARE A LIFE. ≡

A fun-filled day of bowling, food, prizes and community spirit—
all to support Rutland Neighbors and our mission to
share meals, connect hearts and create hope.



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2026
11:30 AM & 2:30 PM



BOWLERAMA
RUTLAND, VT



**TEAMS • PRIZES
RAFFLES • FOOD • FUN**
MAKING AN IMPACT TOGETHER!



**REGISTER
A TEAM**
Gather your friends, coworkers
or family and hit the lanes!

CREATE YOUR TEAM TODAY!



**JOIN
A TEAM**
Don't have a team?
We'll match you up!

FIND A TEAM TO JOIN!



**REGISTER AS
AN INDIVIDUAL**
Register as an individual
and support our
fundraising efforts!

SIGN UP TODAY!



DONATE
Choose a team member
or participant to donate to
to help them raise \$100.

DONATE TODAY!

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August 9, 2026



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lord of the Wind and the Sea

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, some of us come today with songs of joy, rejoicing at all God has done for us.

All: We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Some of us come today with songs of worry and distress, overwhelmed by the troubles and the sufferings of the world.

All: We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: In our joy, our sorrow, our isolation, and our worry, God is faithful!

All: We come to sing God's praises, for in all things, God's steadfast love and faithfulness never fail. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise* TFWS 2031

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Liberating God, we seek your journey. With parted waters, set us free. With cloud and fire, guide us. With gushing waters, quench our thirst. With food from heaven, feed us. Draw us out that we might know your ways. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:22-33

SERMON

The Bravery of Trying

HYMN *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* UMH 358

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God, You call us to sing of your goodness and to remember your wonders, even when the way forward is hidden from view. Use these offerings for hope and healing in a hungry world. Make us instruments of your purpose - seeds of justice, salt of compassion, and signs of your steadfast love. Receive what we bring as praise made tangible, and send us out as a people who remember, who trust, and who sing of your deliverance in every season. Amen.

OFFERTORY

One Thing Remains

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Stand By Me* UMH 512 (vs. 1,2,3,5)

BENEDICTION

**CLOSING SONG *God is Good All the Time* W&S 3026
(Verse 5)**

Piano: **Ann Reed**

Trio: Karen James, Ann Reed, Ellen Wener

Liturgist: Diane Sharrow

Guitar and vocals: **Bill Gibson**

Videographer: **Carol Wright**

Ushers: **Craig Cota, Diane Sharrow,
Carl Wener, Paul Dunbar**