

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 21:8-21

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 86

Reading from the Epistles: Romans 6:1b-11

Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 10:24-39

If you wish to cook for **Dismas House**, please contact the office.

Stars Among Us: A Variety Show on **Saturday, June 27** at 7 pm at The Paramount Theatre hosted by Grace Church and The Paramount Theatre. This special benefit for Rutland Neighbors will provide an uplifting, community-centered evening filled with music, inspiration, and the shared joy of giving back. Tickets: Purchase online: (<https://paramountvt.org/event/grace-church-presents-stars-among-us/>) or at The Paramount Theatre Box Office.

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 June: **\$ 2,908**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *When Morning Guilds the Skies*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In a world where there are no straight lines, God is with us.

All: He meets us in ordinary and surprising ways.

Leader: In a world where there are roadblocks to living a vibrant faith, God is with us.

All: He leads us in ordinary and surprising ways

Leader: In a world where we often feel we are in a strange land; God is with us.

All: He uses us in ordinary and surprising ways. Let us worship the God who overcomes all barriers, even at times our own weaknesses and lack of vision. Let us praise him together! Amen

HYMN *This Is My Father's World* **UMH 144**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Heavenly father, we praise you as you open our hearts and minds to your love and power. Let our souls be filled this hour. Filled with the Holy Spirit as we share in song and scripture, claiming your name in faith. May we receive your grace, and honor your wisdom with our lives. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Family Prayer Song*

SCRIPTURES **Genesis 17:15-17; Genesis 18:1-1**

SERMON

Holy Detours

HYMN *Guide My Feet* **TFWS 2208**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Joyful Giver of Miracles, we come to you with hearts open to the unexpected. Today we offer our gifts in trust and gratitude. Bless these gifts, O God, that they may bear witness to your goodness and extend joy, hope, and welcome to the world you so love. May our giving be a reflection of our faith, and may our faith be full of laughter. In the name of the one who brings life out of impossibility, Amen.

OFFERTORY

Thank You Lord

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Step By Step* **W&S 3004**

BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG

Rejoice in the Lord, Always

Music Director: **Ann Reed**
Joy Choir Accompanist: **Ellen Wener**
Guitar and vocals: **Bill Gibson**
Videographer: **Carol Wright**
Ushers: **Craig Cota, Diane Sharrow,**
Carl Wener, Paul Dunbar