

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: Acts 2:14a ~ 22-32 ~ Psalm 161 ~ Peter 1:3-9 ~ John 20:19-31.

Monday, April 13 at 6 pm via Zoom: **Leadership Team**

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

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

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RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter
Celebration of Holy Communion



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Glorify Thy Name

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved children of God, Easter has come and gone. Jesus lives!

All: He lives for us. He loves us. He leads us.

Leader: Beloved, Jesus lives and the whole world is changed. All things become possible!

All: He lives for us. He loves us. He leads us.

Leader: As we come together, let us remember. Let us learn. Let us open our hearts to the possibility of love.

All: He lives for us. We live for him. Alleluia!

SPECIAL MUSIC *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN *We Are the Body of Christ* TFWS 2227

SERMON *The Good Church (First in a Series)*

HYMN *One Bread, One Body* UHM 620

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Compassionate and faithful God, accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. Let our giving testify to your Resurrection power and shape us into a community where wounds are not hidden but held with love. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Everything That has Voice

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* TFWS 2223

BENEDICTION

Every Morning is Easter Morning

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

