

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: Exodus 24:12-18 ~ Psalm 2 ~ 2 Peter 1:16-21 ~ Matthew 17:1-9.

Please join us after worship today for a potluck lunch and a "Church Conversation" following worship.

As we head into Lent, please join as Pastor Tom leads a joint **Ash Wednesday** service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church this **Wednesday, February 18 at 7 PM.**

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

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

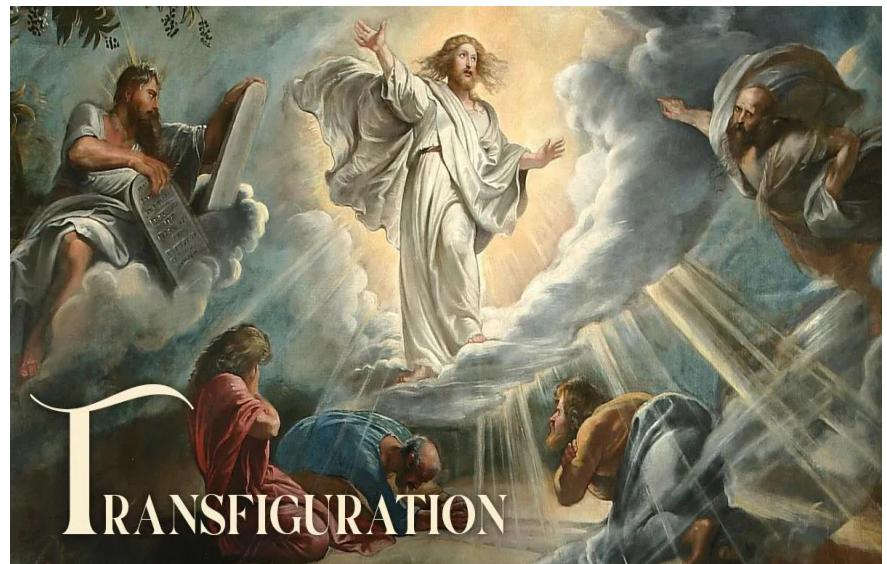
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RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 15, 2026



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Transfiguration Sunday, we gather on the mountaintop with Jesus, wondering what we will encounter.

We come to encounter God's glory revealed.

We witness the revelation of Christ's divinity made plain before us.

We come to witness God's glory revealed.

We remember that God's glory is not about spectacle but truth, not about show but about Love made real among us.

We come to remember God's glory revealed.

We follow Jesus down from the mountaintop into the valleys, as God's glory goes before us and behind us.

We come to be sent out to share God's glory revealed.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

On this Sunday celebrating the transfiguration of Jesus, we pray that our hearts may be made light by your word, and our lives turned to your calling. Amen.

HYMN

Holy Ground

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 17:1-9

SERMON

Hills and Valleys

HYMN *Christ is the World's Light*

UMH 188

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Radiant God, you meet us in moments of mystery and transformation. Let these offerings be more than habit; let them reflect the light of Christ we have glimpsed on the mountaintop and the hope we carry into the valleys below. Use them—and us—to shine your love where shadows linger, until all your beloved children know they are seen, named, and cherished. In the name of your Beloved Son, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Thou Art Worthy

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

UMH 404

BENEDICTION

Jesus, the Light of the World
(Refrain W&S 3056)



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Joy Choir Accompanist: **Ellen Wener**

Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**

Bells of Joy Director: **Karen James**

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Jim Flint, Paul Dunbar