

Rutland United Methodist Church
Sunday, May 21, 2023 – Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Voices in One Accord* **Ann Reed**

OPENING MUSIC *De Colores* **Bells of Joy**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE and OFF TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In this time of waiting on the way to new life,

People: Let us be creative and make the Gospel come alive.

Leader: And be prepared to receive the Spirit,

People: For the Kingdom of God is close at hand.

Leader: Let us build a world of healing and compassion,

People: Reaching out with love, sharing the gift we are.

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* **UMH #110**

A READING FROM THE WORD **Luke 11:9-13** **Alan Betts**

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, would that your love pervaded all of humankind. In a foundational sense, you do. You are always with us. You are present in us. You are inseparably one with us. And nothing can negate your love for us. To be conscious of your presence, attentive to your stirrings, and responsive to your promptings, is to overcome our sense of disconnectedness and to know your nearness. And there is more to life in you. You would mold us into your very likeness. You would empower us with your very Spirit. In this time of waiting on the way to fuller life in your Spirit we open ourselves to receive you. Come, Holy Spirit, we await your coming, even now. Amen.

HYMN *Goodness is Stronger Than Evil* **TFWS 2219**

SHARING THE STORY OF FAITH **1 John 4:4b**

REFLECTION **"Jesus is Lord"** **Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman**

TITHES & OFFERINGS FOR THE LORD'S WORK

DOXOLOGY; PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

TFWS 2173

CLOSING BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION

Halle, Halle, Halleluja

TFWS 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rutland City Rotary will host a "Macaroni & Cheese Cookoff" to be held at Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 17 to benefit **Companions in Wholeness**. More details to come!

There is a sign-up sheet in the literature rack if you wish to be a reader on Sundays. Thank you to the lay readers!

PRAYER COURSE - Prayer Course **will not meet this week**, but will resume on **May 30th** (Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in person at RUMC.)

Choir and Bells of Joy will be ending soon. Please contact Ann Reed if you wish to contribute any special music to worship services this Summer.

Next Leadership Team Meeting: **Monday, June 12, 2023** at 6 pm via Zoom. All are welcome to attend. Contact the office for the link.

Thank you for your continued support of RUMC

Tithes & Offerings last week: \$4,962

Average weekly income needed: \$2,500

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