

## **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: Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

**Leadership Team:** Tomorrow - Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6 pm. Zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

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


Tithes and offerings on January 4, 2026: **\$1,661.**

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# **RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

January 11, 2026



BEHOLD, I WILL DO A  
NEW THING; NOW IT  
SHALL SPRING FORTH;  
SHALL YE NOT KNOW  
IT? I WILL EVEN MAKE A  
WAY IN THE  
WILDERNESS, AND  
RIVERS IN THE DESERT.  
ISAIAH 43:19

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*Seek the Lord*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come all who are weary of irresponsible wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division.

**All: Come all who are heavy-laden with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger.**

Leader: Come you who have hope for peace, for true freedom, for the kingdom Hear these words  
"See, I am making all things new."

**All: And so we are here, to worship and to claim that promise and become new, stronger, gifted, and loving. Halleluiah! Halleluiah, Amen!**

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Lord God, Almighty*

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of all wisdom, as we read your words this morning, give us a clear vision of your truth for us. Give us faith in your power of transformation, and assurance of your love. Amen.

#### HYMN

*Down by the Jordan*

**W&S 3045**

#### SCRIPTURES

**Isaiah 43:9, Revelation 21:5,  
Romans 6:4, 2nd Timothy 1:7**

#### SERMON

**New and Dangerous**

**HYMN** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* **TFWS 2153**

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful and Calling God, continue to draw us into community, into covenant, and into new life through waters of grace. Help us, your baptized people, to be instruments of healing, hope, and holy change in a world longing for good news. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

#### OFFERTORY

*Change My Heart, Oh God*

#### DOXOLOGY

#### PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### HYMN

*Something Beautiful*

**UMH 394**

#### BENEDICTION

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

**Refrain**

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Duet: **Sharon Teer and Ann Reed**

Joy Choir Accompanist: **Ellen Wener**

Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**

Videographer: **Carol Wright**

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Jim Flint, Paul Dunbar**