



# GOD

**Rutland United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, July 14, 2024**  
**Pastor Tom Atkins**

<b>WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		<b>Ellen Wakker</b>
<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b>How Deep is the Father's Love for Us</b>	<b>Ann Reed</b>
<b>OPENING MUSIC</b>	<b><i>How Majestic is Your Name</i></b>	<b>TFWS 2023</b>
<b>CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		<b>Pastor Tom</b>
Leader: We come this morning to our sanctuary. We come to worship, to pray, to care for each other.		
<b>All: We come to rejoice and give thanks!</b>		
Leader: Let us bow our heads in reverence. Let us lift our eyes to the heavens in hope.		
<b>All: For God is with us. God loves us and we are his. Sing Alleluia! Praise his name!</b>		
<b>HYMN</b>	<b><i>There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place</i></b>	<b>UMH 334</b>
<b>A READING FROM THE WORD</b>		<b>Genesis 1:1 and John 3:16</b>
<b>PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION</b>		
Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.		
<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	<b><i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i></b>	<b>Sharon Teer and Ann Reed</b>
<b>SCRIPTURE</b>		<b>Matthew 22:36-40</b>
<b>SERMON</b>	<b><i>Three Things to Know About God</i></b>	<b>Rev. Tom Atkins</b>
<b>HYMN</b>	<b><i>O How I Love Jesus</i></b>	<b>UMH 170</b>

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. Amen.

