



Rutland United Methodist Church
Sunday, September 29, 2024 ~ Steph Kairies-Smith – Lay Speaker

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* Sharon Teer and Ann Reed

OPENING MUSIC *Holy Ground* TFWs 2272

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, God's wisdom guides us to reflect, yes, but also to act. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?

All: We will respond to wisdom's call with our actions.

Leader: God's wisdom may call you to speak when it's safer to be silent, to resist when it's easier to back down. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?

All: We will respond to wisdom's guidance wherever it takes us.

Leader: God's wisdom may call us to accountability, to recognize and reconcile when we have missed the mark. Will you be a people who act with wisdom?

All: We will respond to wisdom's counsel with humility and grace.

Leader: Beloved, this is the time, here and now and in every moment after, to live out God's uncommon wisdom in the world.

All: We will follow the path of God's love with wisdom as our guide. Amen.

HYMN *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* TFWs 2088

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Across the Lands* Joy Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mark 9:38-50; James 5:13-20

SERMON *Give Christ a Chance* Steph Kairies-Smith

HYMN *Change My Heart, O God* TFWs 2152

