

## **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 15:1-18 Psalm 111 ~ 1 Peter 1:3-9 ~ John 20:19-31

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

**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**

April 26, 2026  
Fourth Sunday of Easter



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*This is the Day*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Beloved, the psalmist tells us Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

**All: And this morning we come, seeking that shelter**

Leader: Beloved, we will say of the Lord, "He is our refuge and fortress, He is our God, in whom we trust".

**All: And this morning we come, seeking that shelter.**

Leader: Beloved, we are called not only to come to this sanctuary, but to be a sanctuary to all who come to us.

**All: Let us worship the One who protects, loves and wishes peace for all his people.**

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Walk in Love*

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page. We pray that our minds be open to receive your word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills be strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

#### HYMN

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH 89

#### SCRIPTURES

John 20:24-29, Psalm 4:8, Isaiah 25:4

#### SERMON

The Good Church is Safe

#### HYMN

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

TFWS 2171

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know—and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, signs of our faith, acts of our trust. Use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection, Amen.

#### OFFERTORY

*You Are My Hiding Place*

#### DOXOLOGY

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

#### HYMN

*Because He Lives*

UMH 364

#### BENEDICTION

*Every Morning is Easter Morning*

Music Director: **Ann Reed**

Joy Choir Accompanist: **Ellen Wener**

Bells of Joy Director: **Karen James**

Guitar: **Bill Gibson**

Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**

Videographer: **Carol Wright**

Ushers: **Craig Cota, Diane Sharrow,**

**Carl Wener, Paul Dunbar**

