

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 51:1-6 ~ Psalm 34:1-101 ~ Peter 1:17-23 ~ Luke 24:13-33.

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.

Amount needed to keep RUMC going: **\$1,700 per week**
Tithes and offerings for April 6: **\$1,960**

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RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

The Good
Church
Encourages



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of Easter, we gather today as people who spent the week inundated with news reports, social media posts, and reels that inundated us with information, worry, and stress.

All: Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we open our hearts to the possibility that God's Resurrection life is closer than we think.

Leader: Children of Easter: We gather as people hoping to catch a glimmer of Resurrection, ready for our hearts to burn with the truth of the risen Christ. We gather, realizing at times, for other, perhaps here, perhaps in the world, we are called to be the encouragement of God.

All: May the good news of the Resurrection fill us today as we come to worship God! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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

HYMN

Sanctuary

TFWS 2164

SERMON

The Good Church Encourages

HYMN

The Servant Song

TFWS 2222

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of the road and the table, you walk with us even when we don't recognize you. You speak, and our hearts burn within us. You break the bread, and our eyes are opened. Today, we bring these offerings as signs of our gratitude and hope. May our giving reflect the joy of being found, the wonder of Resurrection, and the call to share good news. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Wonderful Maker

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

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BENEDICTION

Every Morning is Easter Morning

Music Director: **Ann Reed**
Joy Choir Accompanist: **Ellen Wener**
Bells of Joy Director: **Karen James**
Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**
Videographer: **Carol Wright**
Ushers: **Craig Cota, Carl Wener,**
Diane Sharrow, Paul Dunbar

