

Rutland United Methodist Church
Sunday, April 28, 2024
Rev. Sue Hardman-Zimmerman

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ellen Wakker

PRELUDE *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love* Sharon Teer & Ann Reed

OPENING MUSIC *Sanctuary*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving Vine.

People: We abide in Love, the life-giving Vine.

Leader: We are branches of the Vine – sustained, nurtured, and pruned by Love.

People: We have no life apart from Love, the life-giving Vine.

Leader: When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in us, we bear fruit of Love.

People: We produce the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine.

Leader: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving Vine?

ALL: We will love and learn to love as we rest, play, work, and build community with God and one another.

HYMN *Christ is Alive*

UMH 318

A READING FROM THE WORD

1 John 4:7-21

UNISON PRAYER

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN *Pass It On*

UMH 572

ANTHEM *Love Lifted Me*

Joy Choir

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8

REFLECTION

Jesus, the Vine

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Jesus, What a Wonder You Are

Doug Trude

DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

CLOSING BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION

Every Morning is Easter Morning

"Mark Your Calendar"

Our outreach ministry, Companions in Wholeness, is holding a fundraiser in partnership with Jones' Donuts. Details are on a handout. Thank you for your support!

FROM DISMAS HOUSE: THE 32ND ANNUAL DINNER & AUCTION CELEBRATION will be on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at SPARTAN ARENA. 3:30 DOORS OPEN. At 5:00 Live Auction and Dinner. Tickets are \$75 tickets each. RSVP before May 10 - sorry, no tickets at the door. Buy tickets at www.dismasofvt.org or call 802-775-5539.

Joy Choir continues to rehearse at 9:15 am prior to worship on Sunday. Anyone interested in singing with the choir is welcome.

If you are interested in ringing with RUMC's bell choir, "Bells of Joy" – please see Karen James.

Reminder: Leadership Team is asking folks to bring **non-perishable items for the food pantry** when you come to worship on Sunday. There will be a collection box available at the door. Thank you in advance for your support of RUMC's food ministry!

Thank you for your continued support of RUMC

Tithes & Offerings for April 14, 2024: \$1,764

Tithes & Offerings for April 21, 2024: \$449

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