

**Rutland United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, February 25, 2024**  
**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**Steph Kairies Smith, Lay Speaker**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ellen Wakker**

**INVOCATION**

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation. Glory of God, fill this sanctuary and expose the darkness that stalks our souls. Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe. Glory of God, fill each temple of the Holy Spirit present today. Light of God, Glory of God, we welcome you in this place.

**PRELUDE**

*Contemplation at Sunrise*

**Ann Reed**

**OPENING MUSIC**

*Somebody's Knocking at Your Door*

**Joy Choir**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We follow Christ,

**People: Who says take up your cross.**

Leader: We follow Christ,

**People: Who bids us come and offer our lives.**

Leader: We follow Christ,

**People: Who summons us to new life.**

**All: Together we worship the Lord**

**HYMN**

*Glorify Thy Name*

**TFWS 2016**

**A READING FROM THE WORD**

*Psalm 22:23-31*

**UNISON PRAYER**

Creator God, we pray that we may live this day in your presence and please you more and more. Lord Jesus, we pray that this day we may take up our cross and follow you. Holy Spirit, we pray that this day you will fill us with yourself, and create in in us new hearts. Move within us and among us as we worship You this day. Amen.

**HYMN**

*Father, I Adore You*

**TFWS 2038**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 8:31-38**

**REFLECTION**

**“More Than a Season”**

**Steph Kairies Smith**

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

OFFERTORY

*Be Thou My Vision*

Ann Reed and Sharon Teer

DOXOLOGY and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNITY PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

*Lord of the Dance*

UMH 261

CLOSING BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION

*O, How He Loves You and Me*

TFWS 2108

**"Mark Your Calendar"**

Care & Connect Team after-worship **Pot Luck Luncheon**: March 17 - family favorites and farewell to Pastor John. See Irene Goebel for more information and/or to participate.

Sundays at 9:30 am: **Joy Choir** rehearsal

Thursday at 10:00 am via Zoom: **Centering Prayer** with Pastor John (email Pastor John for the Zoom link)

Thursdays at 7 pm via Zoom: **Book Study** with Pastor John

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