

We are happy to have you here!

The Lectionary is a group of four verses that Christians all over the world read each week. Here are this week's Lectionary readings:

Reading from the Old Testament: Exodus 12:1-14

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 149

Reading from the Epistles: Romans 13:8-14

Reading from Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, September 27 following worship: Potluck luncheon. Food theme: favorite autumn dishes. Conversation topic: Favorite fall activities. Thank you to Care and Connect for keeping us "connected!"

Sunday School will begin on **Sunday, September 27** during worship. Contact the office or Judy Blair for more information.

Bells of Joy began rehearsals on Friday, August 28 at 3:00 pm. Contact Karen James for more information if you are interested in playing in the bell choir. BOJ will play during worship on September 20.

Joy Choir begins today. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 9:30 am. See Ann Reed for more information.

Bible Study. Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact the office or Pastor Tom for Zoom link.

Amount needed to keep RUMC going: **\$ 8,000 per month.**
Tithes and offerings for the month of August: **\$ 6,036.**

RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 6, 2026
Celebration of the Lord's Supper



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's steadfast love surrounds us every day, a safe place and a strong help in times of trouble.

People: We come into God's presence with joy, because God's love for us has no end.

Leader: Jesus gives us a new way to live: "Love one another as I have loved you".

People: By this love, we are united as one family and known as God's people.

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of love, who calls us, heals us, and leads us home.

All: Let us praise God together with glad hearts! Amen.

HYMN *Jesu, Jesu* **UMH 432**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God whose love is so great that you gave your only Son for a world in rebellion, as we receive your Word today, teach us the way of your love and transform our hearts. Open us to the powerful working of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Draw the Circle Wide*

SCRIPTURE **Romans 16:12-28**

SERMON **Authentic Love has Power**

HYMN *Gift of Love* **UHM 408**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC *In Remembrance of Me*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy and loving God, shape us by your presence, not by fear; by service, not by power; by love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive our offering as a sign that we trust your "I AM" to go with us and that we are willing to follow Christ, even when the way is demanding. Use what we give to bring freedom, healing, and hope to all we touch, here and beyond these walls. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Love Lifted Me* **W&S 3101**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *Shalom to You* **UHM 666**

Music Director: **Ann Reed**
Joy Choir Accompanist: **Ellen Wener**
Guitar and vocals: **Bill Gibson**
Videographer: **Carol Wright**
Ushers: **Craig Cota, Diane Sharrow,**
Carl Wener, Paul Dunbar