

# Rutland United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

WELCOME

Pastor John

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ellen Wakker

PRELUDE

*Gentle Prelude*

Ann Reed

OPENING MUSIC

*Heavenly Bells*

Bells of Joy

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We follow Jesus Christ,

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

Leader: We follow Jesus Christ,

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

Leader: We follow Jesus Christ,

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

**ALL: Come, let us worship God together**

HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*

UMH 546, vv. 1,2,4,5

A READING FROM THE WORD

Matthew 16:13-19

Judy Blair

## UNISON PRAYER

God of everyone, we thank you for this day in which to gather as your people and church, called to the highest of all callings - to be your love to each other and in our world, as was Jesus. That we may be so, and do so, we ask your Spirit to enlarge our hearts with the infinite expanse of your compassion; we ask you to give us greater clarity of your purposes and will, and the conviction and power to follow them through. Jesus, Word and Holy Spirit, instruct us once again in the healing, forgiving, reconciling, and transforming ways of God's love. For we acknowledge our failures to love as you love, the assertions of our desires and will, and the ways in which we do not honor your presence in others or in ourselves. We look to you to bring forth your Spirit in us in still greater measure and manifest blessing. Amen.

HYMN

*Praise the Name of Jesus*

TFWS 2066

SHARING THE STORY OF FAITH

Ephesians 4:1-7, 14-16

REFLECTION

"Our High Calling in Jesus Christ"

Rev. John Hardman-Zimmerman

**TITHES & OFFERINGS  
DOXOLOGY; PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN**                    *We Are the Church*                    **UMH 558, vv. 1, 2, 4**

**CLOSING BLESSING**

**SUNG BENEDICTION**            *As We Go*                    **W&S 3183**

**“Mark Your Calendar”**

**Sunday, October 1 at 11 am: World Communion Day joint worship at Grace Congregational UCC, also with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church – no worship at 60 Strongs Avenue.**

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

Sundays at 10:45 am: **Zoom fellowship** prior to and including worship

Sundays at 11:00 am: **Worship** (in person, by Zoom and live on Facebook)

Thursdays at 3:30 pm: **Bells of Joy** rehearsal

Friday, September 29: CIW **Chicken Dinner** Fundraiser – orders due by September 24

Friday, September 29 at 1 pm: **Memorial Service for Susan Smith** at Tossing

Sunday, October 8 at 4 pm: **Concert: Area Musicians & Grace UCC Choir.** Proceeds will go to Companions in Wholeness.

Saturday, November 4: **Holiday Fest** fundraiser for Companions in Wholeness

Beginning Thursday, September 21: **Book Study** with Pastor John via Zoom at 7 pm, discussing the book Red Letter Revolution: What if Jesus Really Meant What He Said, by Shane Claiborne and Tony Campolo.

**Thank you for your continued support of the Lord's work at RUMC**

**Corrected amount for Tithes & Offerings on September 3: \$3,152**

**Tithes & Offerings on September 10: \$930**

**Average weekly income needed: \$2,000**

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