

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: Acts 10:34-43 ~ Jeremiah 31:1-6 ~ Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 ~ Colossians 3:1-4 ~ John 20:1-18 ~ Matthew 28:1-11

**Flowers and Vigil Candles are Given
In Most Loving Memory and in Honor of:**



**C. Peter Bartenstein by Jackie Bartenstein
Evelyn K Bartenstein by Jackie Bartenstein
Sara Joyce by Ann & Clive Reed
Stanley & Jocelyn Reed by Ann & Clive Reed
Robert & Elizabeth Kline by Bobbie Fillioe
Loved Ones by Judy Blair
Ruth Smeby by Margaret & Lyle Ellison
Bill & Betty Jarvi ~ David Montgomery by Kristen Jarvi
Charlotte Margaret (Phelps) Schaefer by Lori & Scott McVeigh
Marion Rebecca (Richardson) Phelps by Lori & Scott McVeigh**

RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**April 5, 2026
Easter Sunday**



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, Christ is risen! His resurrection makes all things new!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Life has conquered death! Love has overcome fear!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

God has transformed death into a new beginning!

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Children of God, raise your voices! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Easter Song* **Joy Choir**
(Handbells - Trudy Billings and Margaret Ellison,
Arranged by Karen James)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O risen Christ, open us to the power of your resurrection as we hear it proclaimed anew this day, that we too might rise to new life in you. Amen.

HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* **UMH 302**

SCRIPTURE **Matthew 28:1-8, John 20:11-18**

SERMON **He is Risen**

HYMN *He Lives* **UMH 310**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of New Beginnings, you roll away more than stones. You roll away despair and doubt, fear and failure. On this Resurrection morning, we offer our gifts in gratitude for the new life we have found in Christ. May what we give today help announce to the world that hope is alive, love has triumphed, and joy cannot be contained. Use us and what we offer to keep telling the story: Christ is risen, indeed! Amen.

OFFERTORY *In the Garden*

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Up from the Grave He Arose* **UMH 322**

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,**
Paul Dunbar, Jim Flint, Diane Sharrow

