

Rutland United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 12, 2023
Rev. Sue Hardman-Zimmerman

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ellen Wakker

INVOCATION

Come, Holy Spirit, we welcome you. Fill this place and our lives with your healing presence and your love. Quiet our minds and still our spirits as we worship you. If our attention wanders from you, remind us to pray for the people and situations that distract us, in order to bring our focus back to you and your ways. Open our hearts, that the love of Jesus Christ might shine ever more brightly in us and in our community. Amen.

PRELUDE

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord

Ann Reed

OPENING MUSIC

Grace and Thanksgiving

Bells of Joy

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

People: Worship God with gladness.

Leader: Come into God's presence with singing.

People: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

**ALL: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,
for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.**

HYMN

He Has Made Me Glad

TFWS 2270

A READING FROM THE WORD

Psalm 100

UNISON PRAYER

Creator God, who claims us as your own, we bring our full selves to worship today. Our happiness and our sorrow, our singing and our crying, our strengths, and our failures—we carry it all. Teach us to trust that your faithfulness endures in all the seasons and circumstances of our lives. Help us to know that all that we are is bound to you and teach us to rest on your steadfast love as the source of our gratitude and joy as we, your sheep, follow you wherever you lead. Amen.

HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

UMH 381

SHARING THE STORY OF FAITH

Matthew 25:31-46

REFLECTION

"Living Lives of Gratitude"

