

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:

Lectionary Readings

Reading from the Old Testament: Genesis 29:15-28

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Reading from the Epistles: Romans 8:26-39

Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sunday, August 9: Potluck luncheon after worship.
Theme: Summertime Favorites. Hope to see you there!

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 so far for the month of July: **\$6,059**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

My Jesus, I Love Thee

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, this is the core of our faith: nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-ending love surrounds us and calls us, assuring us that through God's love, all things will work together for God's good purposes.

Thanks be to God!

God's never-breaking love empowers us in the face of temptation, distress, division, and scarcity to hold onto our faith and work together for the flourishing of all God's good creation.

Thanks be to God!

Come, let us worship God who is Love, trusting that through joy and sorrow, happiness and despair, contentment and pain. Thanks be to God who forms, connects, and guides us through Love. Amen.

HYMN *You Are My All In All*

W&S 3040

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, in the midst of our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Take Time to Be Holy

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:26-27

SERMON

Groaning in Prayer

HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH 496

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Steadfast God, you search our hearts and know our needs even when we struggle to find the words. Bless these offerings, that they may bring hope to the weary, peace to the troubled, and joy to the hearts of your people. Through Christ, our Redeemer and Companion, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

This is the Day

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Trust and Obey

UMH 467

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

What a Mighty God We Serve (2x)

W&S 3016

Piano: **Ann Reed**

Special Music: **Diane Sharrow**

Guitar and vocals: **Bill Gibson**

Videographer: **Carol Wright**

Ushers: **Craig Cota, Diane Sharrow,
Carl Wener, Paul Dunbar**