

**A Time Together & Apart Worship**  
**Rutland United Methodist Church**  
Sunday, September 25, 2022 - Rev. Sue Hardman-Zimmerman

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING MUSIC**                      *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*                      **Bells of Joy**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
This is the day when he can be found.

**People: God of all, breath of life,  
Living water, Saviour, friend.**

Leader: Come as the hungry, feed on his Word  
Come as the thirsty, drink of his Love

**People: Come as the faithful, worship the Lord.**

**HYMN**                                      *Immortal, Invisible God, Only Wise*                                      **UMH #103**

**1** Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

**2** Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and  
love.

**3** To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth  
thee.

**4** Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.



**READING FROM THE WORD**                      **Psalm 104**                                      **Ellen Wakker**

**UNISON PRAYER**

We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest, and we bless each other, that the beauty of this world and the love that created it might be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to others now and always. Amen.

**MOMENTS OF QUIET MEDITATION**

**The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting**

**SUNG RESPONSE**                      *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**1** O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home.

**6** O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home!

## SERMON

The Changing of the Seasons

Rev. Sue Hardman-Zimmerman

## HYMN

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH #140

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail  
not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

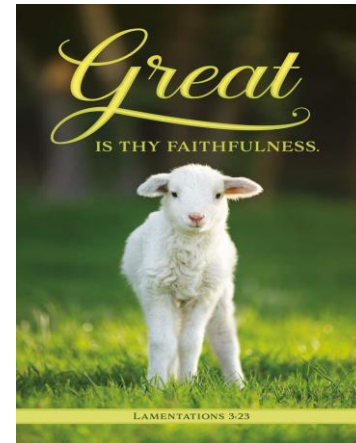
**Refrain:**

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and  
harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses  
above, join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

**[Refrain]**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

**[Refrain]****OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS; PRAYER OF DEDICATION; DOXOLOGY****PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(If you have a blessing or prayer request that you would like added to the weekly Prayer Chain, please fill out a **Prayer Request Card** and place it in the offering plate. To receive the Prayer Chain by email or mail, contact the office. For private prayer requests, please share your card directly with the Pastor.)

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH****CLOSING MUSIC***God in Me*

Ally Packard Stoodley

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PASTORAL VISITS:** If you would like a visit from Pastor John or Pastor Sue, please let them know.

Please sign up in the back if you are willing to serve as a **Greeter** on Sunday morning.

**TINMOUTH COMMUNITY CHURCH** invites all to attend weekly Zoom meetings: Monday at 7 pm Bible Study); and Discussion Group on Wednesday at 7 pm. Contact Pastor John for more information if you are interested.

**BIBLE STUDY** is held on Tuesdays at 2 pm at the Church. Contact the office for more information.

**JOY CHOIR** rehearsals are held on Tuesdays pm at the Church. Contact Ann Reed if you are interested in singing with the choir.

**BELLS OF JOY** rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 5:30 pm at the Church. Contact Karen James if you are interested in ringing with the Bells of Joy.

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