

We are happy to have you here!

The Lectionary is a group of four verses that Christians all over the world read each week. Here are this week's Lectionary readings:

Reading from the Old Testament: Exodus 14:19-31

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 114

Reading from the Epistles: Romans 14:1--2

Reading from Matthew 18:21-25

Leadership Team Meeting: Tomorrow, September 14 at 6 pm via Zoom.

Sunday, September 27 following worship: Potluck luncheon. Food theme: favorite autumn dishes. Conversation topic: Favorite fall activities. Thank you to Care and Connect for keeping us "connected!"

Sunday School will begin on **Sunday, September 27** during worship. Contact the office or Judy Blair for more information.

Bells of Joy began rehearsals on Friday, August 28 at 3:00 pm. Contact Karen James for more information if you are interested in playing in the bell choir. BOJ will play during worship on September 20.

Joy Choir begins today. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 9:30 am. See Ann Reed for more information.

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 September 6: **\$ 1,899.**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Glory to His Name

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

People: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Leader: For the Lord is the great God and King above all gods, whose greatness surpasses understanding.

People: In his hand are the depths of the earth, the mountain peaks, and the sea which he made.

Leader: Let us bow down, kneel before the Lord our Maker,

People: For he is our God, and we are his children. Let us worship God together!

HYMN

Great is the Lord

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord God, refresh us with your living water. Illuminate our path with your light. Speak to us with the still small voice and calm the storms of our lives with your peace.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sing Out, Earth and Skies

SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:1-2

SERMON

HYMN *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* TFWS 2171

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Deliverer, may the gifts we bring today reflect our deep gratitude for your mercy. Let them raise ministries of reconciliation and acts of healing, justice, and welcome. Bless these offerings and bless us as stewards of your kingdom, always seeking to build a world where grace is not rare but abundant. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Sweet Hour of Prayer

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

A Charge to Keep I Have

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Shalom to You

UHM 666

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