

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: Genesis 45:1-15

Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 133

Reading from the Epistles: Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 15: 21-28

Bells of Joy begins rehearsals on Friday, August 28 at 3:00 pm. Contact Karen James 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 so far in August: **\$ 2,363**

It's time for the 2nd Annual Bowling Fundraiser!
Go to rutlandneighbors.org or contact the office!



**BOWL FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS.
CHANGE LIVES.**

Care 2 Spare

2026 BOWLING FUNDRAISER

— STRIKE UP HOPE. SPARE A LIFE. —

A fun-filled day of bowling, food, prizes and community spirit—
all to support **Rutland Neighbors** and our mission to
share meals, connect hearts and create hope.



**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 4, 2026
11:30 AM & 2:30 PM**



**BOWLERAMA
RUTLAND, VT**



**TEAMS • PRIZES
RAFFLES • FOOD • FUN
MAKING AN IMPACT TOGETHER!**



**REGISTER
A TEAM**
Gather your friends, coworkers
or family and hit the lanes!

CREATE YOUR TEAM TODAY!



**JOIN
A TEAM**
Don't have a team?
We'll match you up!

FIND A TEAM TO JOIN!



**REGISTER AS
AN INDIVIDUAL**
Register as an individual
and support our
fundraising efforts!

SIGN UP TODAY!



DONATE
Choose a team member
or participant to donate to
to help them raise \$100.

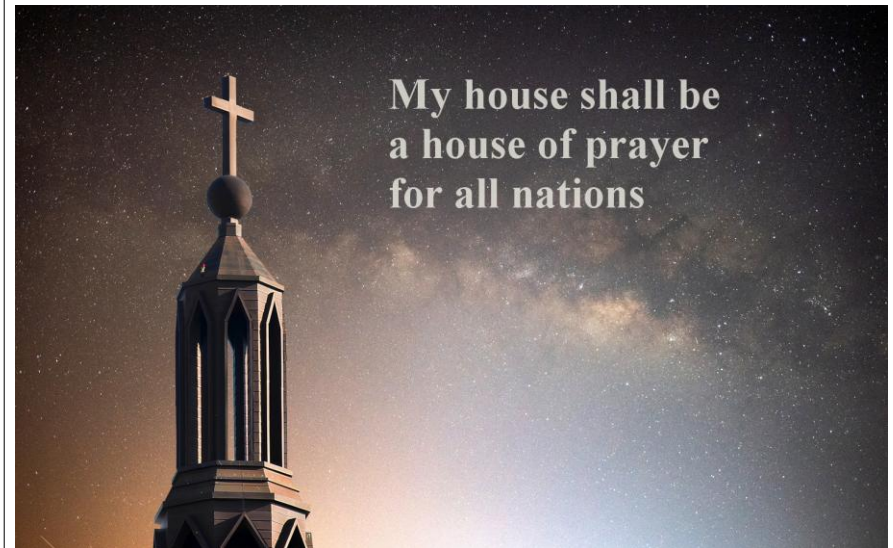
DONATE TODAY!

 **TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A SPLIT SECOND COUNT FOR OUR NEIGHBORS.** 

All proceeds benefit Rutland Neighbors,
a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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August 16, 2026



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

All I Ever Wanted

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Breath of Our Lives, without you, we are but a mound of clay.

All: Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship,

Leader: Set us on fire so that others might be drawn into your light and nurtured by the warmth of your loving care.

All: Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship.

Leader: Bring us together in spirit. Fill us with your holy love. Make us powerful as only love can be powerful.

All: Fill us with your presence, invigorate our worship.

HYMN *Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place*
UMH 328

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of love, quiet our spirits. Help us hear your words. Help us bring life to those words in the way we live. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

So Loved by God

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

SERMON

The real meaning of welcome

HYMN *Help Us Accept Each Other*

UMH 560

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, receive these offerings as signs of our desire to live together in your love, to practice radical welcome, and to share your abundance with all your children. Let what we give today flow outward in compassion and service, that our life together may reflect your kingdom of peace, justice, and joy. Amen.

OFFERTORY *Milonga Del Angel (Dance of the Angel)*

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail* UMH 549
Verses 1, 2, 5, 6

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *God is Good All the Time* W&S 3026
(Verse 5)

Music: **Karen James** and **Ellen Wener**

Guitar: **Bill Gibson**

Videographer: **Carol Wright**

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