

## **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: Proverbs 4:10-18 ~ Psalm 119:9-20 ~ 1 Peter 2:2-10 ~ John 14:1-14

**Donations made payable to Rutland Neighbors** are greatly appreciated and can be put in the collection plate. Volunteers are always welcome at the day shelter.

**Bible Study.** Bible Study on Wednesdays at 7 pm via Zoom. Contact the office or Pastor Tom for the Zoom link.

Pastor Tom will leave for vacation on May 7 and return on May 22.

Amount needed per month to keep RUMC going: **\$8,000**  
Tithes and offerings for the month of April: **\$6,914**

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# **RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

May 3, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts,  
Jesus answers:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of our worry and distress, Jesus assures us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

**I am the way, the truth, and the life.**

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way,  
our truth, and our life.

**Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

*I Got Shoes!*

#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Fire Divine, rage through our hearts. O Light eternal,  
illuminate our souls. May we discover you in our loving,  
through the Spirit of Christ who abides in us.

#### HYMN

*To God Be the Glory*

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#### SCRIPTURES

Psalm 56:3, 2 Timothy 4:22,  
Joshua 1:9, 1 Corinthians 16:13, 1 John 4:18

#### SERMON

**The Good Church has Courage**

#### HYMN

*You Are Mine*

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### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

God who leads us, we give because we have heard  
your voice. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life,  
choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment.  
Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling  
places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our  
courage. In Christ's name. Amen.

#### OFFERTORY

*His Strength Is Perfect*

#### DOXOLOGY

#### PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### HYMN

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (2x)*

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#### BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG

*Seek Ye First #405*

Music Director: **Ann Reed**  
Joy Choir Accompanist: **Ellen Wener**  
Bells of Joy Director: **Karen James**  
Offertory: **Ally Packard-Stoodley**  
Guitar: **Bill Gibson**  
Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**  
Videographer: **Carol Wright**  
Ushers: **Craig Cota, Diane Sharrow,**  
**Carl Wener, Paul Dunbar**