

We are happy to have you here!

Visitors! 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: Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13.

Bible Study will resume on September 3rd. For the first few weeks of Bible Study, we will be learning about the Methodist Church. Study is on Wednesday nights via Zoom. Contact the office for the link.

If you would like to donate to **Companions in Wholeness** to help continue the outreach food mission, checks can be made payable to CIW or to RUMC. Thank you!

Care2Spare CIW bowling fundraiser will be held on Sunday, September 14. First ball is thrown at 12:45 pm. RUMC has a team of bowlers and they need your support! All are welcome to cheer on the team. **You can also write a check to RUMC and note "Bowling" in the memo.**

Tithes & Offerings for August 17, 2025 were **\$1,432**
Tithes & Offerings for August 24, 2025 were **\$1,738**
Donations to date toward CIW Care2Spare Bowling Fundraiser: **\$338**

RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 31, 2025



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ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*How Great is our God/
A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God. Praise the Lord. He loves us like the finest of Fathers.

All: He guides us, strengthens us, holds us in his love.

Leader: Children of God, even in the darkest of days, God holds us close. His love is never ending.

All: Let us worship. Let us sing and praise him today and evermore!

HYMN *Oh Lord, You are Beautiful* **TFWS 2064**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine the sacred page, we pray, that our minds may be open to receive your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

SCRIPTURES **John 15:4, James 4:8, Revelation 3:20,
Psalm 73:28, Deuteronomy 4:29**

SERMON **Intimacy with God** **Pastor Atkins**

HYMN *Near to the Heart of God* **UMH 472**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. In the Name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

OFFERTORY

Nearer My God to Thee

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *I Am Thine Lord* **UMH 419**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

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Music Director & Accompanist: Ann Reed

Trio: Jim Flint, Ann Reed, Pastor Tom Atkins

Trumpet: Sharon Teer

Videographer: Carol Wright

Ushers: Craig Cota, Diane Sharrow

Carl Wener, Jim Flint

