

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: Genesis 12:1-4 ~ Psalm 121 ~ Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 ~ John 3:1-17.

Mark your calendar for Holy Week Services:

- Maundy Thursday – 6 pm – soup dinner; communion and devotional at RUMC
- Good Friday – 7 pm - service at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Easter Sunday – 11:15 am – worship at RUMC

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

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

Tithes and offerings on February 22, 2026: **\$800.**

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RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 1, 2026

Celebration of Holy Communion
Second Sunday in Lent



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Fill Me Now*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

Leader: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear.

People: "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations". The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Covenant Prayer*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lord as we come to the study of your word, awaken us from spiritual sleep. Let your light and wisdom shine on us so we may not walk in darkness. Make us instruments of your peace. Amen.

HYMN *Spirit of the Living God* UMH 393

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 46: 1-7, 9-11*

SERMON *War. Peace. God. Us.*

HYMN *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine* UMH 369

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC *What Wonderous Love is This*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God of the ages and the now, In the shadows of our questions and the uncertainty of our understanding, you meet us with grace. Receive now these gifts we offer but as signs of our belief, hope, and gratitude, given in a spirit of love and peace. In the name of Christ, Amen.

OFFERTORY *We Are a Wilderness Wandering People*

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* UMH 110

BENEDICTION *O How He Loves You and Me*



Music Director: **Ann Reed**
Accompanist: **Karen James**
Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**
Bells of Joy Director: **Karen James**
Videographer: **Carol Wright**
Ushers: **Craig Cota, Carl Wener, Paul Dunbar**