

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 17:1-7
- Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
- Reading from the Epistles: Philippians 2:1-13
- Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 21:23-32

Today after 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 begins today! See Judy Blair.

Next Sunday! Rutland Neighbors' Care2Spare Fundraiser will be held at Bowlerama. RUMC's team, the "Holy Rollers" will bowl at 2:30. Stop by and cheer them on! Donations are greatly appreciated.

Bells of Joy rehearsals have begun. Contact Karen James for more information if you are interested in playing in the bell choir.

Joy Choir has begun. 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 thus far in September: **\$ 4,355.**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God looks past the outward appearance. God does not demand a perfect mask. God searches the heart.

People: We come as we are—with our joys and our sorrows, our strengths and our stumbles.

Leader: Let us lay aside our pretenses and worship the One who knows us fully and loves us completely.

People: God is Spirit, and God seeks those who will worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: Come, let us offer our true selves to the living God.

All: Let our worship be real. Let our praise be honest. Let us worship the Lord in holiness and truth.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Praise Him, Praise Him

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Give us, Lord, a clear vision of the truth, faith in your power, and confident assurance of your love. Help us continue in growth and love to become closer to thee.

HYMN

Close to Thee

UHM 407

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:28-32

SERMON

Authenticity

HYMN

More Like You

TFWS 2167

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Humble Savior, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings - and ourselves - in your hands. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Marching to Zion

UMH 733

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG *Shalom to You*

UHM 666

Music Director: **Ann Reed**

Joy Choir Accompanist: **Ellen Wener**

Bells of Joy Director: **Karen James**

Guitar: **Bill Gibson**

Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**

Videographer: **Carol Wright**

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