

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:

Reading from the Old Testament: Genesis 25:19-34
Reading from the Psalms: Psalm 119
Reading from the Epistles: Romans 8:1-11
Reading from the Gospels: Matthew 13:1-23

Monday, July 13 at 6 pm: Leadership Team Meeting via Zoom. A link will be emailed out or contact the office if you wish to attend. All are welcome.

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 for the month of July: **\$1,258**

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RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 12, 2026



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *We Have Come into This House*

CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today in the midst of busy lives and hectic schedules that mirror the chaotic pace of the world around us.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

We gather as people inundated with constant information, fast-moving news cycles, and ever-present alerts vying for our attention.

We come to set our minds on the guidance of the Spirit.

We gather as people seeking to anchor ourselves in the faith as the world around us is blown to and fro by waves of fear, scarcity, and reactivity.

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Beloved, come. Come to find rest, grounding, and guidance in the Spirit who dwells in you.

HYMN *Come and Find the Quiet Center* TFWS 2128

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, in the midst of our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC DUET *For the Beauty of the Earth/
Fairest Lord Jesus*

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-23

SERMON

The Importance of Seeds

HYMN

You are the Seed

UMH 583

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, shape us by your Spirit to live generously, to seek the good of our neighbors, and to share in your work of healing and reconciliation. Receive these offerings as signs of our attention being fixed on Christ and our lives opened to your renewing power. We give thanks; we give ourselves, and we trust your Spirit to lead us into abundant life. Amen.

OFFERTORY DUET

This Little Light of Mine

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

Cry of My Heart

TFWS 2165

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

What a Mighty God We Serve (2x)

W&S 3016

Piano: **Ann Reed**

Special Music: **Ellen Wener** and **Ann Reed**

Guitar and vocals: **Bill Gibson**

Videographer: **Carol Wright**

Ushers: **Craig Cota, Diane Sharrow,**

Carl Wener, Paul Dunbar