

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: Micah 6:1-8 ~ Psalm 151 ~ Corinthians 1:18-31 ~ Matthew 5:1-12.

Thank you to Julie Demaree for filling the pulpit today. Pastor Tom is enjoying a well-deserved week off. Holy Communion will be served next Sunday.

Mark your calendar for **February 15** for a potluck lunch and a "Church Conversation" following worship. See Irene Goebel.

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

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RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 1, 2026



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come Thou Almighty King

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?

To proclaim justice, preach kindness, and live humbly with God.

In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?

To do justice, live kindness, and live humbly with God.

When we share the good news with all creation, what does God desire of us?

To do justice, show kindness, and live humbly with God.

Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!

**We come to worship God with our voices and our lives.
Thanks be to God! Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC *What Does the Lord Require of You?*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of all wisdom, as we read your words this morning, give us a clear vision of your truth for us. Give us faith in your power of transformation, and assurance of your love. Amen.

HYMN *For the Healing of the Nations* **UMH 428**

SCRIPTURES **Micah 6:1-8 and Matthew 5:1-12**

SERMON

HYMN *Jesu, Jesu*

UMH 432

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of Justice and Mercy, you ask only that we live with love, humility, and a hunger for what is right. Accept these gifts as signs of our desire to follow you. Use them and us to pour out kindness where the world is aching, to walk alongside the weary, and to bring your healing presence into troubled places. May our giving be our "yes" to your call, our response to your grace, and our witness to your hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Take My Life and Let It Be

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* **TFWS 2171**

BENEDICTION

Jesus, the Light of the World
(Refrain W&S 3056)

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Music Director: **Ann Reed**
Joy Choir Accompanist: **Ellen Wener**
Sunday School Coordinator: **Judy Blair**
Videographer: **Carol Wright**
Ushers: **Craig Cota, Carl Wener,**
Jim Flint, Paul Dunbar