

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: Isaiah 58:1-12 ~ Psalm 112:1-10 ~ 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 ~ Matthew 5:13-20

Mark your calendar for next Sunday, **February 15** for a potluck lunch and a "Church Conversation" following worship. The food theme will be ***Foods that we Love***. The Care and Connect Team will be down a few volunteers, so we welcome extra help setting-up and cleaning up. Contact Irene Goebel if you can help out or are preparing food. 802-770-9849.

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. We will begin a study on the Torah, or Pentateuch. (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy). Contact the office or Pastor Tom for the Zoom link.

Tithes and offerings on February 1, 2026: **\$1,603.**

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RUTLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

February 8, 2026



Spiritual Resilience

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Song Without Words Op. 19 No. 4* Ann Reed

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of compassion and justice, you bring us together to worship.

All: In times of change and uncertainty we chose to worship the eternal God.

Leader: We come in supplication, that your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly.

All: So, in praise and wonder, we come to worship you.

Leader: not just with our words but with our hearts and our lives.

All: Glory and honor be to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Come Share the Lord* Joy Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us in clear tones so that we might feel our spirits leap for joy and skip with hope as your resurrection witnesses. In the name of Christ we pray.

HYMN *Thy Word is a Lamp* UMH 601

SCRIPTURE Matthew 5:13-17

SERMON *Spiritual Resilience*

HYMN *Bring Forth the Kingdom* TFWS 2190

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC *The Living Bread*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Heavenly father, you ask that our worship be more than words, that our offerings be more than ritual. Receive these gifts as signs of our willingness to repair what is broken. May our generosity reflect your mercy and our living mirror your love. Use us and these gifts, so that light might rise in the darkness and hope take root where despair has reigned. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*

DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN *Pass It On* UMH 572

BENEDICTION *Jesus, the Light of the World* W&S 3056

**The flowers on the altar have
been provided by Blanche Kelley**

In loving memory of her husband

Lloyd A. Kelley, Jr.

Her "Valentine son"

Christopher A. Kelley

February 14, 1961 to February 22, 1981

And her mother

Irene T. Bus

April 20, 1911 to February 14, 2007