

# Rutland United Methodist Church Sunday, January 26, 2025 Pastor Tom Atkins

#### WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	Morning Has Broken	Sharon Teer & Ann Reed
OPENING MUSIC	He is Born (Chorus)	UMH 228

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

#### All: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

Leader: We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

#### All: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

Leader: We, like those in Nazareth, gather to hear and receive the Word of God proclaimed among us. To encounter the life-giving message of God's love redeems us to be bearers of love and freedom in this world.

#### All: We gather to worship, as is our custom.

Leader: Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready? All: We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN	Open the Eyes of My Heart	WS 3008
PRAYER OF ILLU	MINATION	
Dear God, in th	nis new year, fill our hunger for your word. May v	we hear what you have to
say, learn what	you would have us do, and live your lessons, li	ght in a dark world, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC	He Came Down	Joy Choir
SCRIPTURE		Luke 4:14-21
SERMON	A Choice of Saviors	Rev. Tom Atkins

#### HYMN

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Faithful God, who calls us to follow and empowers us by your Spirit, we bring these gifts to you in gratitude and hope. May they be used to proclaim good news. Transform our offerings into acts of love and justice that reflect the mission of Jesus in this world. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY	Assurance	Ann Reed			
DOXOLOGY					
BLESSINGS and PRAYER REQUESTS					
PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER					
HYMN	More Like You	<b>TFWS 2167</b>			
BENEDICTION					
BENEDICTION SONG	Good News! (Go Tell it On the Mountain)	Joy Choir and Congregation			
<u>Announcements</u>					

The Lectionary is a group of four verses that Christians all over the world read each week. Here are this week's Lectionary readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 ~ Psalm 19 ~ 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a ~ Luke 4:14-21

On Sunday, **February 16** there will be a chili and cornbread dinner after worship. Pastor Tom will lead a listening session entitled "The History of Our Future." Contact Irene Goebel or other members of Care & Connect regarding what you are willing to bring for food/drink.

Joy Choir meets at 9:30 AM on Sunday to rehearse for worship. Please contact Ann Reed if you would like to join.

**Bible Study/Discussion Group**. There will be no Bible Study/Discussion Group this Wednesday. Join us again on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm via Zoom. We are currently studying Ephesians. Email the office for the link or see our Facebook page.

# <u>Financial FYI</u>

Tithes & Offerings for January 19, 2024: \$917

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