

**A Time Apart Worship**  
Rutland United Methodist Church  
Sunday, October 25, 2020

**OPENING MUSIC**

***We Will Glorify the King of Kings***  
Twila Paris

**Joy Choir**

**WELCOME**

Good morning! We are glad to gather together in Spirit if not in person, to celebrate God's presence and love in our lives. May this time of worship renew and bless, and send you off refreshed to be God's people in the world.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Pastor: This is a holy journey we are on,*

*People: This journey of life, taking us to places we could not imagine,*

*Pastor: This is a holy journey we are on,*

*People: Led by God, guided by the Spirit,*

*Pastor: We keep on walking, moving forward.*

*People: We never know where we will be,*

*Pastor: Only that God is with us always,*

**ALL: AND FOR THIS WE ARE GRATEFUL**

**HYMN**

***Lead On, O Cloud of Presence***

**FWS #2234**

1. Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come,  
in wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.  
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.  
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.

2. Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,  
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.  
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,  
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.

3. Lead on O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,  
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.  
We pray our sons and daughters may journey to that land  
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.

**SHARING THE STORY OF FAITH**

**Matthew 22:34-40**

**Judy Blair**

**UNISON PRAYER**

God, you guide us through uncharted territory,

Places of the heart, places of the mind,

places where our feet tread, almost without our knowing.

We recognize that we are on a pilgrimage, that all of life is a pilgrimage,  
bringing us closer to you and closer to the calling of our souls.

Be with us, we pray, every step of the way.

We rest our hearts in you, in safety. Amen.

**MOMENTS OF QUIET MEDITATION**

The view of what is ahead of us is limited,

We cannot always know what the future will bring.

But we do know this, that we are not ever alone.

God, guide us into the land you promise.

(Let us spend a few moments of silence in God's presence.)

**SUNG RESPONSE*****Spirit Of God, Descend Upon My Heart***

#500

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, wean it from sin, through all its pulses move.  
 Stoop to my weakness, mighty as you are, and make me love you as I ought to love.

**READING FROM THE WORD****Deuteronomy 34:1-12****REFLECTION ON SCRIPTURE** *The View from the Mountaintop***Rev. Shirley Oskamp****PASTORAL PRAYER****The Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**BLESSING and DEDICATING OUR GIFTS:** *(We will bless and dedicate our offerings at this time. Thank you for your ongoing support of your church.)*

**HYMN*****Stand By Me***

#512 stanzas

1 When the storms of life are raging, Stand by me,  
 When the storms of life are raging, Stand by me,  
 When the world is tossing me, Like a ship upon the sea;  
 Thou who rulest wind and water, Stand by me.

2 In the midst of tribulations, Stand by me,  
 In the midst of tribulations, Stand by me,  
 When the hosts of hell assail, And my strength begins to fail,  
 Thou who never lost a battle, Stand by me.

3 In the midst of faults and failures, Stand by me,  
 In the midst of faults and failures, Stand by me,  
 When I do the best I can, And my friends misunderstand,  
 Thou who knowest all about me, Stand by me.

**BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH****CLOSING MUSIC*****It is Well*****Allyson Packard-Stoodley**

Kristene DiMarco, arr. Dan Galbraith

**Reaching Out**

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**Bible Study** meets on Tuesdays at 1:00pm via ZOOM. Join us as we read and discuss the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85438229806?pwd=bzlBMU5zNmNNMzJ6dlllQmVpUzhQZz09>  
 Dial in +1 646 558 8656. Meeting ID: 854 3822 9806 Passcode: 178551

**Joy Choir** rehearsals: Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. Contact Ann Reed or the Church office.

**CHURCH ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** Will be held on **Monday, November 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm** on ZOOM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!!

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