

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER  
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN  
**September 27, 2026 10am**  
18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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| PRELUDE | MEDITATION* | CHURCH BELL |
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ruth Frost, Moderator

INTROIT: Jubilee

\* OPENING HYMN: #486 God Is Here! As We His People (1&4)

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: This week has been filled with joys and sorrows.

**All: We have come here this day with burdens on our hearts.**

One: God, who hears your cries, will offer you healing love.

**All: Thanks be to God for such generous compassion.**

One: Open your hearts to God's infinite mercy.

**All: We open our spirits to receive God's love for us.**

\* GLORIA PATRI #558

\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

**Holy God,**

**we give you thanks for the ways you are at work in us,**

**in this congregation, and in the world you created.**

**You provide for us, nurture us, and challenge us**

**to work out our salvation.**

**How grateful we are for the ways you inspire us**

**to will and to work for you!**

**May all that we do bring glory to you, AMEN**

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: # 408 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: Psalm 25:1-9 (Responsive Insert)

New Testament Matthew 21:23-32

MESSAGE: Rev Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Jubilee

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:

Thanksgivings

Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Silent Reflection and Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Community Prayer by and for the People.

**Loving God, we lift before you our community, our neighbors, and all who are in need. Bring comfort to the hurting, healing to the sick, strength to the weary, and hope to those who feel forgotten. Unite us in compassion, guide us in service, and help us share your peace in all we do. Hear our prayer, O Lord, and make us instruments of your love. Amen.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving

Doxology

Offering Prayer

**Holy God, bless these gifts for your good use. May these tokens of our gratitude be of service to further Christ's mission and ministry in our community and world. Amen**

\*CLOSING HYMN: #578 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

\*BENEDICTION:

May the One who calls us beyond words and into faithful living give us humble hearts to hear, courage to repent, and grace to walk the way of righteousness.

Go in peace, trusting that God's mercy is still at work—turning us, renewing us, and leading us into the kingdom. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

\*Denotes that all who are able, please stand

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