

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN
October 27, 2024
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE MEDITATION CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ruth Frost, Moderator

INTROIT: Jubilee

*OPENING HYMN: # 430 "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Leader: We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches love on our hearts.

People: This is the place where we have come to be transformed into disciples of Jesus.

Leader: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

People: This is the time when God will write compassion deep down to the depths of our souls.

Leader: We give thanks to God for His unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

People: This is the way God will breathe lasting faith into our lives.

*THE GLORIA PATRI: #558

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

Thank you, Lord, for this time of year when we see your majesty in the vibrancy of nature, as it prepares for a period of rest. May we too see this as a time to prepare, to become as Matthew exclaimed, being "the salt of the earth." Help us to resist worldly desires, and instead to focus on maintaining a pure heart. Amen

HYMN OF PREPARATION: # 354 "Open My Eyes"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Matthew 5:1-14

SERMON: "Salt, da Vince, & Scripture" Prof. Marilee K. Gloe

SPECIAL MUSIC: Jubilee

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:
Thanksgivings
Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

- Silent Prayer
- Prayers of Adoration,
- Confession
- Thanksgiving
- Supplication
- The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

- Call to Giving (Offering trays will not be passed)
- *Doxology

*CLOSING HYMN: # 415 "Search Me, O God"

*PASTORAL BENEDICTION: 2 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)
Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

*POSTLUDE:

***Denotes all that are able should stand.**

LOOKING AHEAD AT OUR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER CALENDAR:

Today, October 27th – Worship Hour at 10:00 am.
Our Guest Speaker is Prof. Marilee K. Glee.
Special Music by Jubilee.

Sunday, November 3rd – Worship Hour at 10:00 am.
Ruth Frost will be in the pulpit. The Choir will be singing.
There will be a Fall Business Meeting and a Coffee Hour following the service. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday, November 10th - Worship Hour at 10:00 am.
Special Music by the KR Band and Rose Seeger.

Prayer Concerns:

Lori Haley, hospice	Cindy Ovokaitys
Aubrey Koepfer, cancer	Oscar, Brain tumor
Daniel Hays	Rev. Stu Merkel
Torin, autism	The lost and wandering souls
Elizabeth Joseph	Peace and Good Will on Earth
Morgan Haley	Those dealing with loss and grief
Viveca Persson, Agneta's sister	God's Providence for Israel and
Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister	the Middle East
Tom Eckert, lung cancer	
Joshua Myer, cancer	
Morton Zimmerman	
Agneta Ray and family for peace and comfort.	