

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN
June 26, 2022 – Fourth Sunday in Pentecost

CANDLE LIGHTING

CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE: Lora Gensler

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ruth Frost

INTROIT: Jubilee Band

*OPENING HYMN: # 74 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Vs. 4-6 below)

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Leader: Come, let us gather and unite together – as we worship our Risen - Lord God.

People: Of all ages? Of diverse backgrounds? Without restrictions or judgments?

Leader: Yes! Come, hear His stories, feel His love, and know the power of the Holy Spirit!

People: We come, seeking a better way of life - and deeper understanding of God’s ways.

Leader: Come humbly, and you will find life in abundant - now, and eternal life for your soul.

All: We come prayerfully - for many of our needs are beyond human remedy.

We come confidently - for God is greater than all our needs.

We come thankfully – for faith, hope, and love in all its manifestations – in heaven - and on earth.

*THE GLORIA PATRI: #558

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end. Amen, Amen.

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

Loving, living, and Creator God Almighty, Who is One - yet Father, Son, and Spirit: Throughout all generations, Your tender mercies and loving kindness have enfolded us. With the dawn of each Lord’s day – we sing Your praises, pray together, and celebrate Your presence in our lives. We thank You - Father - for Your unconditional love; and Your Son - for His self-sacrifice; and the gifting of the Holy Spirit – for being our helper and comforter. Bless all those who live in love, with love reciprocated and acknowledged. To God, the Father, through Christ, our loving Lord, and with the Holy Spirit’s prompting – this we pray. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: # 230 “Sweet, Sweet, Spirit”

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Acts 4:1-31 & 5:12-32

SERMON: "The Power of 'Spirited' Sermons, and a Shadow" Rev. Paul Ray

SPECIAL MUSIC: Jubilee Band

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:

Thanksgivings
Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Silent Prayer
Prayers of Intercession and Supplication
The Lord's Prayer (debts)

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving (offering trays located in the back of church)
Doxology
**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: # 379 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

LOOKING AHEAD AT OUR CALENDAR:

*** During summer, Sunday Worship Hour will be outside when the weather is nice ***
*** Choir and Sunday school are off for the summer. Both resume in September ***

- Sunday, June 26 Worship at 9:30. Special Music is by Jubilee Band. The National Association of Congregational Christian churches annual meeting begins today in Wichita KS. Pastor Ray, as our delegate, will attend virtually the next 3 days.
- Sunday, July 3rd Independence Sunday. Worship is at 9:30 am. Special Music is by Jubilee Band
- Sunday, July 10th Worship is at 9:30 am. Special Music is by Emilia Dahms
Coffee and goodies after the service.
- Saturday, July 16th Memorial for Louis Paetsch on Church grounds.
- Sunday, July 17th Worship is at 9:30 am. Special Music is (Hopefully) a Trio

OUR SUPPORTED MISSIONS:

Love Incorporated Love Inc. (Food Pantry)
The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches
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