FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN
April 12,2026 10am
2nd Sunday of Easter

PRELUDE MEDITATION* CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ruth Frost, Moderator

INTROIT: Guest Presenter

* OPENING HYMN: #205 In the Garden

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)
One: Though darkness seems to envelop us.
All: Jesus breaks through with a word of peace.
One: Fears are banished!
All: Hope is more than restored
One: Rejoice! The Lord is with us!
All: We rejoice in the peace and blessings he brings. AMEN.

* GLORIA PATRI #558

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)
God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son, Jesus. Help us today to embrace the New Life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A Life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance. As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #524 Let Us Break Bread Together

SCRIPTURE: New Testament Acts 2:14,22-32
Gospel : John 20:19-31

MESSAGE: Rev. Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Guest Presenter

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
God of resurrection and hope,
Bless all people in our community with unity, joy, and the assurance that your presence brings renewal. May we reach out with compassion, trusting in your love that overcomes doubt and fear, and live each day as witnesses to your promise of life. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS:
Call to Giving
Doxology

Offering Prayer
Generous One, may these gifts be a blessing to those in need, a source of hope for those in despair, comfort for those who grieve, encouragement for those who doubt, a balm for those in pain. May our generosity reflect our gratitude and our giving be another source of praise. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: #227 Breath on Me, Breath of God

*BENEDICTION:
Stand firm in resurrection hope.
And live as people of resurrection,
because death and fear
do not have the final word.
Because the tomb is empty.
Love has not ended. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE:

*Denotes that all who are able, please stand

Looking ahead at April 2026 calendar
Sunday April 12
10am Worship
10am Sunday School

Monday April 13-Wednesday April 15
Pastor Joe at NACCC Pastor Convocation in Il.

Tuesday April 14
9-10am Tai Chi

Thursday April 16
5:30pm Choir Practice

Friday April 17
10am-2pm OCC Crafting

Sunday April 19
10am Worship
11am Council Meeting

Saturday April 25
9am-Noon Prayer Beads

Sunday April 26
10am Worship
10am Last Sunday School with Prayer Beads

Wisconsin Congregational Association
Annual Meeting Rochester
May 2 8am-3pm

Prayer Concerns
Agneta Ray and Family
Cindy Ovokaitys
World Peace

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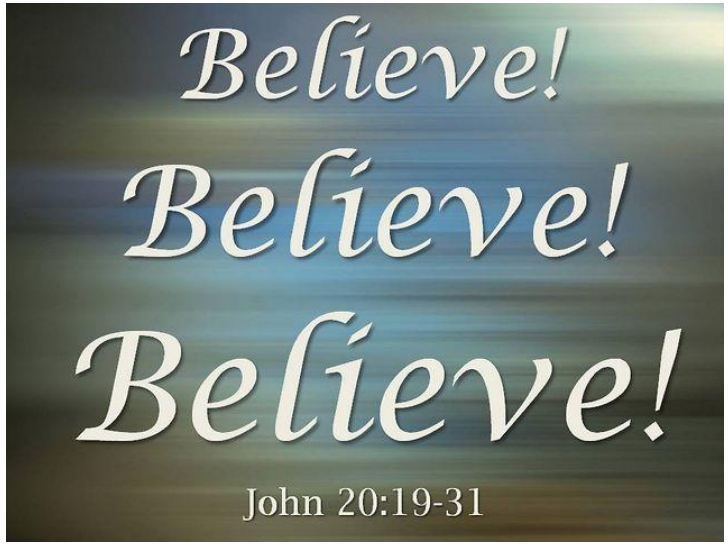

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