

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN
February 23, 2025
7th Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE MEDITATION* CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rose Seeger, Vice Moderator

INTROIT: Lissa Jensen

*OPENING HYMN: # 84 "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: We come, those who seek to trust in God.

All: We commit ourselves to do as Jesus would do for those around us.

One: We come, delighting in all the wonders God provides for us.

All: We would not worry but open ourselves to God's heart.

One: We come, waiting patiently for God to speak.

All: We will be still, listening for God's words of hope, of peace.

*THE GLORIA PATRI: #558

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship
as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son.

Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot
do so alone.

Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and
goodness with which we hope to be treated.

May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved
children and vessels of your love. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #325 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

YOUTH TIME

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 6:27-38

SERMON: Pastor Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Lissa Jensen

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:

Thanksgivings
Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Silent Prayer
Prayers of Adoration
Community Prayer for the People

Merciful God, Hear our prayers for the church and the world, for all
your children, no matter their place or position. Hear our prayers for the
hungry, for the sick, for the mourners. All are in need of your wisdom.
All are in need of your love. All must be encouraged to hear and heed
your call. United as the Christ's body, we lift these prayers to you our
loving God. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving (offering trays will not be passed)
Doxology

*CLOSING HYMN: # 48 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
Verses 1,2 &4

*BENEDICTION:

Jesus calls us to live as his faithful disciples: to love our enemies, to do good
expecting nothing in return, offering mercy and forgiveness to others just as
God is merciful and forgives. Friends, live into our high calling in Jesus
Christ. And go with the blessing of God.
POSTLUDE:

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

LOOKING AHEAD AT OUR MARCH CALENDAR:

Today, February 23, Worship Hour at 10:00 am.
Sermon, Pastor Joe Hackett. Children's Sunday School.
Special Music by Lissa.

Sunday, March 2nd, Worship Hour at 10:00 am.
Sermon, Pastor Joe Hackett. The Choir is singing.
Steve and Melinda Dolphin's grandson's Baptism.

Wednesday, March 5th, ASH WEDNESDAY
Service will be held at 7:00 pm at the Plymouth UCC.
124 W. Washington Street, Burlington WI.
Rev. Yvette Eber will be the speaker.
*(A Soup Supper will be served before the service from
6:00 to 6:45 pm).*

Sunday, March 9th, Worship Hour at 10:00 am.
Sermon, Pastor Hackett. Children's Sunday School.
Special Music TBA.

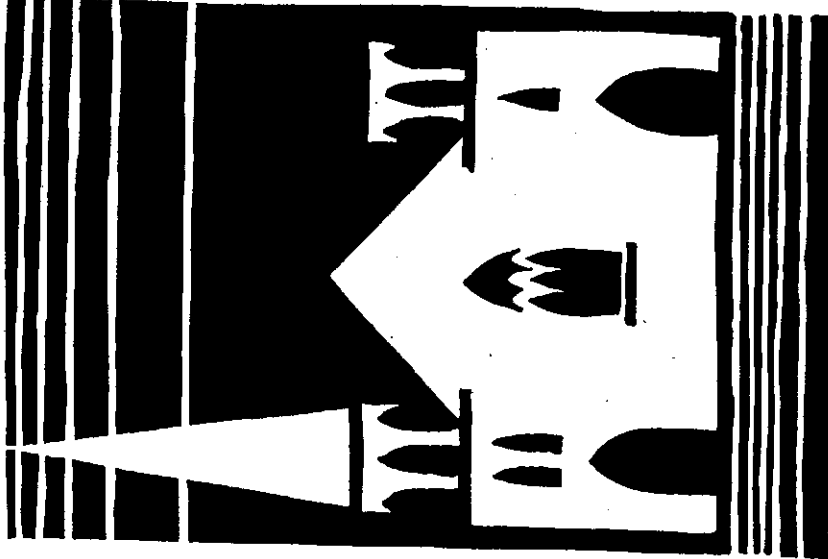
Wednesday, March 12th, LENTEN SERVICE at 7:00 pm.
Service will be held at the English Settlement UMC.
28215 Plank Road, Burlington WI.
Rev. Tony Allen will be the speaker.

Prayer Concerns

Lori Haley, hospice	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 the Middle East
Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister	
Morton Zimmerman	
Agneta Ray and family for peace and comfort.	
Cindy Ovokaitys	

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Welcome to the
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Worship

Fellowship

Outreach

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."
- Matthew 18:20*

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Sunday Worship Time - 10:00 am