

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN
July 6, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

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

INTROIT: Special Music TBA

*OPENING HYMN: # 263 "This Is My Father's World"

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Come, let us recognize that God is with us, and present among us today.

All: This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

One: God is calling us to live in covenant and accord with all followers of the Christ.

All: With God's help we will journey together on this pilgrimage of faith.

One: Come, let us serve together the One, who is our rock and salvation.

All: God is steadfast in his love and forgiveness, even though we falter and stray. We will here renew – in heart, mind, and spirit – our covenant with our Creator God.

THE GLORIA PATRI: # 558

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

Heavenly Father, help us to emulate the attributes of Christ – and in particular, enable us to be forgiving of the faults of others. We confess the many errors of our living, and trust in your compassionate grace. As you restore us, may we, in turn, do all we can to humbly restore friends, family, and even our foes. Help us, for we are weak, but you are strong. May it be our constant goal to win the trust, love, and respect of all of God's sons and daughters. In the name of the Christ, who took our sins upon himself. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION: # 491 "In Christ We Are One Body"

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 78:41 & Malachi 1:6-8

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SERMON: Steve Dolphin – "Don't Minimize God

SPECIAL MUSIC: Special Music TBA

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:

Thanksgivings
Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and deed. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen with in us our sorrow for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. Amen

Community Prayer

All: Holy Lord God, who has commanded your people to have no Gods before you. We pray for the honesty to face any idols in our lives that compete with you as absolute sovereign and love of our lives.

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving

Doxology

Offering Prayer

*CLOSING HYMN: # 353 "Be Thou My Vision"

*BENEDICTION:

May the love of our Lord Jesus Christ bring the fullness of the Holy Spirit into our souls. May we appreciate our blessings and always remember where they came from.

POSTLUDE:

* Denotes that all who are able should stand

LOOKING AHEAD AT OUR JULY CALENDAR:

Today, July 6 – Worship Hour at 10:00 am.
Steve Dolphin will be in the pulpit.
Special Music TBD. The service will be outside, weather permitting.

Tuesday, July 8 – Adult Bible Study from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.
We will meet in the Church parlor. (Light lunch) Call or text JoAnne Potter at 608-604-3137. Email mrspotts51@hotmail.com.

Sunday, July 13 - Communion Sunday
Worship at 10:00 am. Sermon, Rev. Joe Hackett.
Special Music by Laurie Auer and Sandman.
Communion stewards will be Chris Hackett, Anne Gorski, and Cher Fritchen.

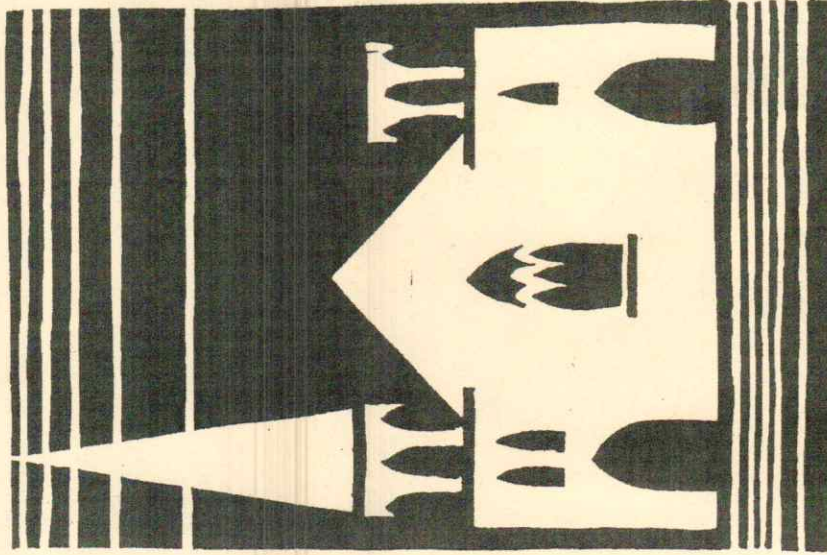
<u>Prayer Concerns</u>	Oscar, Brain tumor
Lori Haley, hospice	Rev. Stu Merkel
Daniel Hays	The lost and wandering souls
Torin, autism	Peace and Good Will on Earth
Elizabeth Joseph	Those dealing with loss
Morgan Haley	God's Providence for Israel
Viveca Persson, Agneta's sister	the Middle East
Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister	
Morton Zimmerman	
Cindy Ovokaitys	
Allen Miles	

Our Church Covenant

We agree to maintain the institutions of the Gospel by giving of our service and our money in such ways shall seem to us most pleasing to our Lord and Master and will endeavor to the utmost to walk together in mutual helpfulness and brotherly love.

(Adopted at the Annual Meeting on January 23, 2000)

Welcome to the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN



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