

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN
February 8 ,2026 10:00am
5th Sunday after Epiphany /Communion

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

INTROIT: Holy Crowe

*OPENING HYMN: # 553 Gather Us In

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: We are called to be light,

All: We would carry God's hope into the shadows of the world.

One: We are called to be salt,

All: We would enhance the lives of those around us, with joy.

One: We are called to live in God's reality,

All: We would welcome everyone as sisters and brothers in faith.

*THE GLORIA PATRI: #558

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

O God from whom all blessings flow, help us to embrace the unique gifts your Spirit has instilled in each of us.

Give us the wisdom to discern where your world could use our talents most,

and grant us humility to recognize where we rely on the strength and insight of others, so that, in mutual giving and receiving,

all needs may be met,

according to the way of Jesus through his life and death. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (debts)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #367 O Jesus, I Have Promised

SCRIPTURE LESSON: New Testament 1st Corinthians 2:1-12

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

SERMON: Rev. Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Holy Crowe

SHARING OUR LIVES TOGETHER:

Thanksgivings

Concerns of the Community

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Adoration

Community Prayer

Compassionate God,

make us salt and light for the world, not by presuming we know best how to fix others

but as compassionate and caring neighbors, unafraid to reach out.

Encourage us with your grace and inspire us by your Holy Spirit,

for you are always with us. Amen

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving

Doxology

Offering Prayer

In glad thanksgiving for your goodness and all the blessings we know in this life, we pray your blessing on us and these gifts that we and them may be used for the building up of your reign in the world. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION See Insert

*CLOSING HYMN: # 466 This Little Light of Mine

*BENEDICTION:

May you be as salt where there is staleness;

light where there is darkness;

truth where there is unbelief;

and love where there is great need.

And the blessing of God Almighty

Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Be amongst us and remain with us

This day and for evermore. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

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

Looking ahead at February 2026 calendar

Sunday February 8
10am Worship and Communion
10am Youth Sunday School
11am Pot Luck

Tuesday February 10
9-10am Tai Chi

Wednesday February 11
11am-1pm Spirit Bible Study

Thursday February 12
5:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday February 15
10am Worship Service
11am Council Meeting

Prayer Concerns

Lori Haley, hospice
Daniel Hays
Torin, autism
Elizabeth Josphe
Morgan Haley
Viveca Person, Agneta's sister
Rigmor Alexander, Agneta's sister
Morton Zimmerman
Cindy Ovokaitys
Allen Miles
Oscar, Brain tumor
Those dealing with loss

Welcome to the FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN

Matthew 5:13-20

be the
LIGHT
— Matthew 5:14 —

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