

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER  
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN  
May 21, 2023  
Seventh Sunday of Eastertide / Ascension Sunday

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PRELUDE

CHURCH BELL

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ruth Frost, Moderator

INTROIT:

\*OPENING HYMN: # 246 “Glorify Your Name”

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Leader: Christ is Risen from his grave, just as He said He would.

**People: They found the tomb open and empty. He is risen Indeed!**

Leader: Let us witness to the world, we serve a Savior that has overcome dread death.

**People: Some doubted His resurrection – but He showed them His body’s wounds.**

Leader: Their sorrow turned to joy, doubts to faith, and uncertainty to ecstasy.

**People: No powers on earth, can compare to the power of the resurrection.**

**All: We come united as one - in the Spirit of our Risen Lord. We are seeking a closer walk with the One, who was vindicated on that first Easter Morning.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI: #558

\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

**Living, Loving God, by Your grace and mercy we are forgiven, and because of Christ’s resurrection we live - abundantly and eternally. Never again does any friend of Yours need fear the dark sting - of death without remedy, for Jesus, the Christ, has endured it for us. Sin’s penalty is paid, and we are redeemed. May songs of victory be heard - sounding forth from all Your sons and daughters. Christ rose triumphant! Let there be great Joy! He Lives - as the way, the truth, and the life = so we may also. With thanksgiving we do praise Thee. Thine is the glory! Amen.**

CHILDREN’S TIME: None

HYMN OF PREPARATION: # 546 “Revive Us Again”

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 24:50-54 & Acts 1:1-14

**SERMON: “Christ – Up, Up, and Away”**

**Pastor Paul**

SPECIAL MUSIC:

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 will not be passed)

Doxology

CLOSING HYMN: # 211 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

BENEDICTION:

POSTLUDE:

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**FYI:** – Short Meeting after church to coordinate plans for Memorial Day.

## **LOOKING AHEAD AT OUR CALENDAR:**

### **May:**

**Today - Sunday, May 21** - Worship is at 10:00 am. Special Music is by Choir.

**Saturday, May 27** - Spring Rummage Sale is from 9am. to 3pm.

**Sunday, May 28** - Memorial Sunday Worship is at 10:00 am.

- Special Music is by Jubilee Band and Liz & Charlie Ablanalp on violins.

**Monday, May 29 - Memorial Day** Luncheon begins at 11:00 am. Parade at 1:30. Park Program at 2:00.

### **June:**

**Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** - Worship is at 10:00 am. Special Music is by our Choir. Communion will be served on this observance of Pentecost.

**Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>** - **We begin meeting outside weather permitting for the summer.**

- Worship is at 10:00 am. Graduates and Sunday School recognition with a special fellowship hour after the service. Special Music is by Joy Trio and Emelia Dahms on the Saxophone.

**Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** - Worship is at 10:00 am. Father's Day. Special Music by Steve Dolphin.

**Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>** - Church Council is at 6:30 pm.

**Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>** - **The National Association of Congregational Christian Churches Annual Meeting and Conference will be meeting in Brookfield, WI at the Sheraton Hotel.** Pastor will be attending.

**Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** - Worship is at 10:00 am. Special Music is by Jubilee Band.

### **Prayer Concerns**

Reid Shamus

Debbie Mohr—cancer

Oscar - Brain tumor

Torin – autism

Barbara

Elizabeth Joseph

Morton Gall

Lois—cancer

Audrey Koeper

Daniel Hays

Dee Struhs family

Jill Haubrich - cancer

Melinda Dolphin

Jon Ludke

### **Prayer Concern Changes:**

#### **Add:**

Jim - Mental issues

Jean Moyer – Park Place Facility

#### **Delete:**

Julie Gren

Barbara

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