

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN
July 26, 2026 10am
9th Sunday after Pentecost

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

INTROIT: Ukelele Band

* OPENING HYMN: #372 Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

All: It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.

One: When it is grown, it is a very large shrub.

All: Even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.

One: God's transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.

All: Lord, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us that they may grow into deeds of service to others in your name.

* GLORIA PATRI #558

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

Lord, you place before us the images of the small--the tiny mustard seed, the grain of yeast, the small treasure--and remind us that we, though we think of ourselves as small, are not insignificant in your kingdom. Open our hearts and our spirits to you in thankful remembrance of the ways in which we can serve you throughout all our lives. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #334 Amazing Grace (1-3)

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: Psalm 119:129-136 Read Responsively
Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

MESSAGE: Rev. Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Ukelele Band

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 compassion and hope, we come together as one community, grateful for the gift of this day and for the people gathered around us. Open our hearts to listen with kindness, to serve with humility, and to care for those who are lonely, hurting, hungry, or in need. May we be people of courage, mercy, and unity, bringing light wherever we go. Amen.

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving
Doxology

Offering Prayer

We give you thanks, O God, for the many blessings that you have bestowed upon us. As from even the smallest of seeds, your kingdom grows, bless our tithes, gifts and offerings, and bless us that we might be ever more faithful in your work of reconciliation, love and joy. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN: # 579 Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

*BENEDICTION:

We go out today knowing that we are vehicles for your redeeming love. Let us be part of the great reconciliation through Christ, as you make all things new. Go forth now to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ Amen.

POSTLUDE:

*Denotes that all who are able, please stand

Looking ahead July 2026 calendar

Sunday July 26
10am Worship

Monday July 27
6:30pm Book Club

Tuesday July 28
9am Tai Chi

Sunday August 2
10am Worship

Prayer Concerns

Agneta Ray and Family

Sue Pope

Joyce Gerard

Karla Montemurro friend of Nancy and Rick Koceja

World Peace

NACCC International Mission Partner: Happy Life Children's Home
Kenya

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Join us after worship to celebrate Mary Krall's
90th Birthday with a coffee hour and cake.

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