

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER  
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN  
**May 10 ,2026 10am**  
6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

SCRIPTURE: New Testament Acts 17:22-31  
Gospel : John 14:15-21

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PRELUDE                      MEDITATION\*                      CHURCH BELL

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ruth Frost, Moderator  
INTROIT: Cindy Ovokaitys and Jennifer Sanders

\* OPENING HYMN: #204 Because He Lives

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Live in God's love!

**All: Let that love be poured out for all God's people!**

One: Bring hope and peace to all whom you meet.

**All: We are called to be God's witnesses.**

One: Celebrate and rejoice.

**All: Praise be to God who has called, healed, and given us a ministry of peace.**

\* GLORIA PATRI #558

\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

**Faithful God,**

**through all the ages, you have kept your promises.**

**You have freed us from the powers of scarcity and death  
for abundant new life.**

**Stay with us as we wait and watch for your Spirit  
with excitement and hope, that we may experience your love  
and share it with our lives,  
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #497 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

MESSAGE: Rev. Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Cindy Ovokaitys and Jennifer Sanders

Mother's Day Blessing

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

**Heavenly Father, we come together as a community with hearts full of gratitude and hope. We ask for your guidance and blessings upon all the people in our midst—those facing challenges, those celebrating joys, and those seeking comfort. Strengthen the bonds among us and help us support each other with kindness and understanding. May we find peace, unity, and renewed purpose in your presence. Amen.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving  
Doxology

Offering Prayer

**God, we give in faith, trusting that you will provide for all our needs. Use these offerings to further your work and bring hope to those who need it most. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN: #259 For the Beauty of the Earth ( Verses 1-4)

\*BENEDICTION:

Go with hope in your hearts  
and joy in your lives.  
Go knowing that you are loved  
and do your best to share that love.  
Go, and walk the path of life.

POSTLUDE:

\*Denotes that all who are able, please stand

**Looking ahead May 2026 calendar**

Sunday May 10  
10am Worship ( Communion will be on May 24<sup>th</sup> Pentecost)

Tuesday May 12  
9am Tai Chi

Thursday May 14  
No Choir Practice

Friday May 15  
10am-2pm OCC Crafting

Sunday May 17  
10am Worship  
11am Council Meeting

**Prayer Concerns**

Agneta Ray and Family  
Cindy Ovokaitys  
World Peace  
Nancy Kocēja

Reminder you can start bringing rummage sale items.  
Please take items downstairs.  
No clothing, please. Questions contact Sue Beach.

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*Welcome to the*  
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