

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ROCHESTER  
ROCHESTER, WISCONSIN  
**July 12, 2026 10am**  
7th Sunday after Pentecost Communion

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

INTROIT: Vicki Will

\* OPENING HYMN: #287 For the Fruit of All Creation

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

One: Come, people of God, for the Lord's word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**All: We come to listen, to receive, and to follow where God leads.**

One: The Spirit of life sets us free in Christ Jesus and calls us into newness of life.

**All: We open our hearts like good soil, trusting God to plant faith, hope, and love within us.**

One: Let us worship the One whose word gives life and whose grace bears fruit in every season.

**All: Let us worship God with praise, thanksgiving, and joy.**

\* GLORIA PATRI #558

\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (unison)

**Gracious God, open our hearts to your word and breathe your Spirit into us. Quiet our minds, renew our faith, and plant your grace within us, that our lives may bear fruit in faith, hope, and love.**

**As we worship today, draw us closer to Christ and help us listen for your voice. May our songs, prayers, and praise honor you and prepare us to serve you with joyful hearts. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: #284 We Plow the Fields and Scatter

SCRIPTURE: Old Testament: Psalm 65:1-13 Read Responsively  
Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

MESSAGE: Rev. Joe Hackett

SPECIAL MUSIC: Vicki Will

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 mercy and hope, bless the people of our community. Bring comfort to those who are hurting, strength to those who are weary, and wisdom to those who serve. Help us care for one another with kindness, patience, and courage. May peace, healing, and unity grow among us today and always. Amen.**

SHARING OUR GIFTS:

Call to Giving  
Doxology

Offering Prayer

**Lord, we dedicate these offerings to you. Use them according to your will, and help us to give with pure hearts, knowing that everything we have is a gift from you. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Confessional (See Insert)  
Invitation to the Table  
Words of Institution  
Sharing the Elements

\*CLOSING HYMN: #578 Sent Forth By God's Blessing

\*BENEDICTION:

May the Spirit who dwells in you bless you with open minds to receive God's wisdom, open hearts to follow God's guidance, and open doors that we may together build God's kingdom of life and peace on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

POSTLUDE:

\*Denotes that all who are able, please stand

**Looking ahead June/July 2026 calendar**

Sunday July 12

10am Worship with Communion

July 12-July 18

WCA Youth Camp, Mt. Morris Camp Wautoma

Tuesday July 14

9am Tai Chi

Sunday July 19

10am Worship

11am Council Meeting

**Prayer Concerns**

Agneta Ray and Family

Cindy Ovokaitys

World Peace

NACCC International Mission Partner: Christ to the Villages

Nigeria

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*Welcome to the*  
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