

Rochester Christian Reformed Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 12, 2026 – 10:00 AM

First Sunday after Easter

Prelude

Alleluja, Laudem dicite Deo nostro, WV 45

Heinrich Scheidemann
(1595-1663)

Preparing to Worship

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.
(Psalm 121:1-2)

* Call to Worship

ALL: He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

Leader: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. [*Colossians 1:18-20*]

* Hymn

“Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God”

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* Pastor Introduction

* Welcome and Greeting from God, affirmed by congregational “Amen”

Call to Confession

Leader: As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.

ALL: For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. [*Colossians 2:6-10*]

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

ALL: But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. [*Colossians 3:5-8*]

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. [*Colossians 1:21-23a*]

* The Peace

Leader: Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [*Colossians 3:12-15*]

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading *John 21*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation

Breakfast on the Beach

* Hymn

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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Congregational Prayer

Offertory

For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has,
not according to what one does not have. [*2 Corinthians 8:12*]

* Hymn

"Christ, We Climb with You the Mountain"

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* God's Blessing, affirmed by congregational "**Amen**"

Postlude

Praeambulum in D Minor, WV 33

H. Scheidemann

Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Rev. Jack Vanden Heuvel

Organist: Ryan Chan

Liturgist: Lisa Falvo

Congregational Song Leader: Lara Larsson

Children's Message: Bethany Miller

Offertory Deacon: James Leakey

Congregational Prayer: Tim Vande Brake

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