

Rochester Christian Reformed Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 9, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Ordinary Time

Prelude

Nun ruhen alle Wälder

Jacques van Oortmerssen
(1950-2015)

Preparing to Worship

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations”. (Revelation 22: 1-2)

* Call to Worship

Leader: As followers of Jesus Christ,
living in this world—
which some seek to control,
and others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:

ALL: Our world belongs to God!

Leader: We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.

As covenant partners,
called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives
to do God’s work in his world.

ALL: Come Lord Jesus!

Our world belongs to you.

Leader: God formed the land, the sky, and the seas,
making the earth a fitting home
for the plants, animals,
and humans he created.

The world was filled with color; beauty, and variety;
it provided room for work and play, worship and service,
love and laughter.

ALL: In the beginning

Everything was very good.

Leader: As God’s creatures we are made in your image
to represent you on earth,
and to live in loving communion with you.

By sovereign appointment we are earth keepers and caretakers:
loving our neighbor,
tending the creation,

and meeting our needs.
God uses our skills
in the unfolding and well-being of his world.
**ALL: Our world belongs to God
and he loves it deeply.**

* Hymn "This is My Father's World" #21

* Welcome and Greeting from God

Call to Confession

Confession

Hymn "Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading" #320

* Assurance of Pardon

Minister: "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* The Peace

Minister: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation "An Extra Stick of Butter"

Prayer of Application

* Hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness" #348

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

“But who am I, and what are my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.”
(1 Chronicles 29: 14-16)

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

Postlude	<i>Preludio A-moll</i>	Johann Christian Kittel (1732-1809)
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Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Steven Rodriguez

Organist: Ryan Chan

Liturgist: Chris Hall

Congregational Song Leader: Jackie Fenton

Children's Message: Bethany Miller

Offertory Deacon: James Leakey

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Harp

Resources for Worship: Kathy Roelofs, 2025 Reformed Worship online (confession); Lift Up Your Hearts and Our World Belongs To God, Contemporary Testimony, Faith Alive Christian Services, Grand Rapids; MI.

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All Liturgy Scripture References - NRSVue - unless otherwise noted.