

# Rochester Christian Reformed Church

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 18, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

No. 6, 7 & 8 from Op. 698

Carl Czerny (1791-1857)

Preparing to Worship

Your word, Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. [Psalm 119:89-90]

\* Call to Worship

**All: Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord. Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart—they do no wrong but follow his ways.** [Psalm 119:1-3]

\* Hymn

“Speak O Lord”

#755

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

**Minister:** Please be seated.

Call to Confession

**Leader:** You, Titus, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine.

**ALL: Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone.** [Titus 2:1; 3:1-2]

Prayer of Confession

**ALL: Turn to me and have mercy on me, as you always do to those who love your name.**

**Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.** [Psalm 119:132-133]

Silent prayer

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Silent prayer

## Assurance of Pardon

**Minister:** At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. [Titus 3:3-7]

Hymn

“O Word of God Incarnate”

#757

\* 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

Adult Bell Choir

“Rejoice with Gladness” arr. by Geschke

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:12-26 NRSVue

**Minister:** This is the word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Proclamation

To Be a Witness

Prayer of Application

**Minister:** Please stand and join together to sing hymn number 754, “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”.

\* Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak”

#754

Welcome of New Member (Lara Larsson)

Vows

**Minister:** Do you promise to receive Lara in love as your sister in Christ, support her with your fellowship and prayers, and, recognizing her gifts, invite her into the life and mission of our congregation?

**ALL: We do, God helping us.**

\* Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed 783A)

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Missions Report

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. [Hebrews 13:15-16]

\* Hymn "Order My Steps" #758

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

Postlude No. 5 from Op. 698 Carl Czerny (1791-1857)

***Leading Us in Worship Today:***

Minister: Bethany Miller  
Organist: Ryan Chan  
Liturgist: Christina Thompson  
Congregational Song Leader: Jan Cooper

Adult Bell Choir: Dick Asitan, Director  
Children's Message: Tim Vande Brake  
Offertory Deacon: Charlene DeLallo  
Congregational Prayer: Jeff Harp

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