

Rochester Christian Reformed Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

June 21, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Ordinary Time

Prelude *Passacaglia in D minor*, BuxWV 161 Dietrich Buxtehude

Preparing to Worship

“By their fruit you will recognize them.” (Matthew 7:16)

* Call to Worship

* Hymn “Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak” #754

Introduction of Guest Minister

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

Call to Confession

Leader: Scripture reminds us of the many ways we fall short of pleasing God. In a responsive reading of Psalm 94, let us meditate on how our thoughts and actions may have harmed our neighbors and angered God.

Leader: The Lord is a God who avenges. O God who avenges, shine forth.

ALL: Rise up, Judge of the earth; pay back to the proud what they deserve.

Leader: How long, Lord, will the wicked, how long will the wicked be jubilant?

They pour out arrogant words; all the evildoers are full of boasting.

They crush your people, Lord; they oppress your inheritance.

They slay the widow and the foreigner; they murder the fatherless.

ALL: They say, “The Lord does not see; the God of Jacob takes no notice.”

Leader: Take notice, you senseless ones among the people; you fools, when will you become wise? Does he who fashioned the ear not hear? Does he who formed the eye not see? Does he who disciplines nations not punish? Does he who teaches mankind lack knowledge?

ALL: The Lord knows all human plans; he knows that they are futile.

Blessed is the one you discipline, Lord, the one you teach from your law;

Leader: You grant them relief from days of trouble, till a pit is dug for the wicked.

ALL: For the Lord will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance.

Judgment will again be founded on righteousness, and all the upright in heart will follow it.

Leader: Who will rise up for me against the wicked? Who will take a stand for me against evildoers?

ALL: Unless the Lord had given me help, I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death. When I said, “My foot is slipping,” your unfailing love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

Leader: Can a corrupt throne be allied with you—a throne that brings on misery by its decrees? The wicked band together against the righteous and condemn the innocent to death.

ALL: But the Lord has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge. He will repay them for their sins and destroy them for their wickedness; the Lord our God will destroy them.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of justice and mercy, we confess that we, too often, are arrogant and indifferent.

ALL: We are guilty. We have sinned by what we have done and what we have left undone. Clothe us in Christ's righteousness and teach us to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Lord, we thank you that even as you call us to repent, you assure us of your continuing care and your ability to make things right. As Psalm 94 declares: For the Lord will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance. Judgment will again be founded on righteousness, and all the upright in heart will follow it. (verses 14-15)

Leader: Praise be to God!

* Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" #749

* The Peace

Leader: 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: Matthew 5:13-16

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation "Sodium Chloride and Radiant Energy"

Prayer of Application

* Hymn "This Little Light of Mine" #930

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." (Matthew 6:24)

* Hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" #262

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

Postlude *Prelude in D major, BWV 532, 1/2* J. S. Bach

Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Drew Smaldone

Children's Message: Zach Veenje

Organist: Augustine Sobeng

Offertory Deacon: Ray Croucher

Liturgist: Reba Veenje

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Harp

Congregational Song Leader: Jeff Harp

Worship Resources: Prayer of Confession is taken from *Lift Up Your Hearts* #293, "Optional prayer of confession."