

Rochester Christian Reformed Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 8, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude *Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein* (two settings) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Preparing to Worship

“Only near God do I myself find quietness,
For only from God does sure hope come to me.
God alone is my rock and my salvation,
My stronghold – I shall not be shaken.
With God is my freedom and my glory,
My mighty Rock! – God is my place to run for safety.”
Psalm 62, Calvin Seerveld

* Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

ALL: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made;

ALL: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips,

ALL: and our mouths shall declare your praise.

* Hymn *“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”* #524
Solo: vs. 1&3 ALL vs. 2&4

* Welcome

* Hymn *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”* #521

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Voice 1:

My God, my God,

why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from saving me,

so far from my cries of anguish?

My God, I cry out by day,

but you do not answer,

by night, but I find no rest.

Voice 2:

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One;
you are the one Israel praises.
In you our ancestors put their trust;
they trusted and you delivered them.
To you they cried out and were saved;
in you they trusted
and were not put to shame.

Hymn (all sing)

"What Wondrous Love" vs. 1*

#164

Voice 1:

But I am a worm and not a man,
scorned by everyone, despised by the people.
All who see me mock me;
they hurl insults, shaking their heads.
"He trusts in the Lord," they say,
"let the Lord rescue him.
Let him deliver him,
since he delights in him."

Hymn (all sing)

"What Wondrous Love" vs. 2

#164

Voice 2:

Yet you brought me out of the womb;
you made me trust in you,
even at my mother's breast.
From birth I was cast on you;
from my mother's womb
you have been my God.
Do not be far from me,
for trouble is near
and there is no one to help.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn (all sing)

"What Wondrous Love" vs. 3

#164

Voice 1:

I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly I will praise you.
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you descendants of Jacob, honor him!

Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

Voice 2:

For he has not despised or scorned
the suffering of the afflicted one;
he has not hidden his face from him
but has listened to his cry for help.
From you comes the theme
of my praise in the great assembly;
before those who fear you
I will fulfill my vows.
The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord will praise him—
may your hearts live forever!

Voice 1 and 2 together:

All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before him,
for dominion belongs to the Lord
and he rules over the nations.
All the rich of the earth
will feast and worship;
all who go down to the dust
will kneel before him—
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

Hymn (all sing)

“What Wondrous Love” vs. 4

#164

* The Peace

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another and allow Christ’s peace to guide our ways.

ALL: Amen.

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 14:3-23*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation *Genesis 3 (ESV)*

Prayer of Application

Anthem of Reflection "Lamb of God" by John Carter

* Hymn "We Are People On a Journey" #142

Congregational Prayer

Offertory (*Philippians 4:19*)

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."

* Hymn "To God Be the Glory" #956

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

Postlude *Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* J.S. Bach

Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Brad Zinnecker

Organist: Ryan Chan

Liturgist: Kyle Hughes

Readers: Geoffrey and Kaniyah Cooper

Congregational Song Leader: Lara Larsson

Children's Message: Bethany Miller

Offertory Deacon: Dale Chambery

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Harp

Adult Choir: Ryan Chan, Director

Resources for Worship: Lift Up Your Heart, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids, MI, call to worship and confession. CCLI #2832768 ONE LICENSE #733715 A

***Lenten Theme Hymn**

The hymn, "**What Wondrous Love**", paired with *Psalms 22*, was chosen by the worship planners as a thematic thread to run through each Sunday in Lent. The text focuses on the great gift of love our Savior humbly gave in setting aside his crown for each one of us. The hymn also places us, as receivers of the gift, among millions of others who join the chorus of joyful praise and thanks, now and forever!