# Rochester Christian Reformed Church

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**
**November 8, 2026 – 10:00 AM**
**Ordinary Time**

Prelude *Nun danket alle Gott* Max Reger

Preparing to Worship

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you. (*Ephesians 4:32*)

Adult Bells "Thanksgiving Trilogy" arr. by Bill Ingram
('Now Thank We All Our God, Come, Ye Thankful People and We Gather Together')

* Call to Worship

**ALL: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.**

**Liturgist**: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
**ALL: and I will meditate on your wonderful works.**

**Liturgist**: They tell of the power of your awesome works—
**ALL: and I will proclaim your great deeds.**

**Liturgist**: They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
**ALL: The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.**
(*Psalm 145:3-8*)

* Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" #543

* Welcome and Greeting from God, affirmed by congregational **"Amen"**

Call to Confession

**Liturgist**: And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. (*1 Thessalonians 5:14-15*)

Prayer of Confession

**ALL: Our Father, we continually rely on your goodness toward us. Reinvigorate our hearts so that, in response to <u>your</u> goodness, we strive to do good for others. Give us the patience, the resolve, the strength, and the love we need to help our brothers and sisters bear their burdens. Help us to encourage one another to remain faithful to you in all circumstances.**

* Assurance of Pardon

**Liturgist**: May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

* Hymn "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" #689

* 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 or Blessing of Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3:1-13*

**Minister:** This is the word of the Lord.
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Proclamation "In This World You Will Have Trouble"

Prayer of Application

* Hymn "When Peace Like a River" #451

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. (*2 Corinthians 8:1-3a*)

Connection Group Report: Crochet and Knitting Group

Announcement of Congregational Meeting

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| * Hymn | "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" | #257 |

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

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| Postlude | *Voluntary in D minor* | Samuel Long |

***Leading Us in Worship Today:***
Minister: Pastor Bill Vis
Organist: Julianne Zhu
Liturgist: Lindsey Hall
Congregational Song Leader: Jan Cooper
Adult Bell Choir: Dick Astifan, Director
Children's Message: Heidi Zinkand
Offertory Deacon: Mary Ann LaPolla
Connection Group: Shari Harrison
Congregational Prayer: Dave Dill

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