

Rochester Christian Reformed Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 17 – 10:00 AM

Ordinary Time

Prelude

Fantasia in C Major

W. Byrd (1540-1623)

Preparing to Worship

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!”

Ephesians 3:20-21

* Call to Worship

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

ALL: who made heaven and earth.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

ALL: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

Leader: The Lord’s unfailing love and mercy never cease,

ALL: fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

ALL: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

* Hymn

“Bless the Lord, O Saints and Servants”

#399

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

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what we hesitate to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

Minister: Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

* Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

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* 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: *Joshua 4*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation

Memories: Fuel for the Future

Prayer of Application

* Hymn "If You But Trust in God to Guide You" #407

Congregational Prayer

Offertory (*2 Chronicles 29:31*)

Then Hezekiah said, "You have now dedicated yourselves to the LORD. Come and bring sacrifices and thank offerings to the temple of the LORD." So the assembly brought sacrifices and thank offerings, and all whose hearts were willing brought burnt offerings.

International Missions Ministry Update on the Higby's

* Hymn "Go to the World" vs. 2 & 4 #925

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

Postlude Canzona in C Major, BuxWV 166 D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Rev. Richard Loerup

Organist: Ryan Chan

Liturgist: Amy Cline

Congregational Song Leader: Juli Elliot

Children's Message: Heidi Zinkand

Offertory Deacon: Ray Croucher

Congregational Prayer: Danny Veenje

Resources for Worship: *Book of Common Prayer* (1979), New York; *Lift Up Your Hearts*, Faith Alive Christian Resources, Grand Rapids. CCLI #2832768 ONE LICENSE #733715 A