

Rochester Christian Reformed Church
ORDER OF WORSHIP
October 26 – 10:00 AM
Ordinary Time

Prelude

“Pastorale” from 24 Pièces en style libre, Op. 31

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Preparing to Worship

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
John 1:1-2

Anthem:

“Let All the People Praise Thee”

Natalie Sleeth

* Call to Worship

Leader: Through Jesus, God’s son, all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. [*John 1:3-5*]

* Hymn

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” vs. 1-3

#78

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

Call to Confession

Leader: John came as a witness to testify concerning the light, Jesus, so that through him all might believe. The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.

ALL: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. [*John 1:6-11*]

Prayer of Confession

Silent prayer

Assurance of Pardon

ALL: Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God. [*John 1:12-13*]

* Hymn

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten” vs. 4-5

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* 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

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: *Hebrews 12:1-3*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation

“Joy that Gathers”

Prayer of Application

ALL: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father, the only-begotten; that is, of the essence of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance (ὁμοούσιον) with the Father; by whom all things were made both in heaven and on earth; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down and was incarnate and was made man; he suffered, and the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. And in the Holy Ghost.

Leader: But those who say: 'There was a time when he was not;' and 'He was not before he was made;' and 'He was made out of nothing,' or 'He is of another substance' or 'essence,' or 'The Son of God is created,' or 'changeable,' or 'alterable' —they are condemned by the holy catholic and apostolic Church.

* Hymn

“At the Name of Jesus”

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Pastoral Search Committee Update

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God. [*John 3:21*]

Youth Bell Choir

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

arr by Martha Lynn Thompson and Richard Astifan

* Hymn

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#965

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

Postlude

Festival Prelude for the New Century, FS 24

Carl Nielsen (1865-1931)

Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Rev. Richard Loerop

Organist: Ryan Chan

Liturgist: Kathy Quinn

Youth Bell Choir: Richard Astifan, Director

Congregational Song Leader:

Children's Message: Jay Falvo

Offertory Deacon: Bob Null

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Harp

Pastoral Search Committee Update: Heidi Zinkand

Resources for Worship:

Nicene Creed English version: Philip Schaff (ed.). "Creeds of Christendom, with a History and Critical notes. Volume I. The History of Creeds". Christian Classics Ethereal Library; *Lift Up Your Hearts*, Faith Alive Publishers, Grand Rapids; CCLI #2832768 ONE LICENSE #733715 A