

Rochester Christian Reformed Church

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 6, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Ordinary Time

Prelude

Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten

Georg Böhm

Adult Bell Choir Quartet “Come Christians, Join to Sing”

Christian Henry Bateman,
arr. Albert Zabel

Preparing to Worship

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. *Hebrews 13:1*

* Call to Worship

Leader: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever! (*Revelation 5:13b*)

* Hymn

“Come Christians, Join to Sing”

#599

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

Call to Confession

Leader: Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (*Philippians 2:1-4*)

Prayer of Confession

* Assurance of Pardon

All: We believe that our blessedness lies in the forgiveness of our sins because of Jesus Christ, and that in it our righteousness before God is contained, as David and Paul teach us when they declare those people blessed to whom God grants righteousness apart from works. And the same apostle says that we are “justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

(from the Belgic confession, article 23)

* Hymn

“Neither Death nor Life”

#450

* 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: *Acts 9:26-31*

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Proclamation "Good Beginnings"

Prayer of Application

* Hymn

"The Servant Song"

#309

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Minister: With joy we praise you, gracious God,

Minister: Therefore we join our voices
with all the saints and angels and the whole creation
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution and Affirmation of Faith

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayer of Consecration

**All: All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

The Bread

Minister: Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (*John 1:29*)

The Cup

Minister: Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. (*John 6:35*)

* Hymn of Thanksgiving “Father, We Give You Thanks” #816 verses 1-3

Congregational Prayer

Offertory

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (*Hebrews 13: 15-16*)

Fellowship Committee Update

* Hymn “We Are Your People” #248 verses 1,2 and 6

* God’s Blessing, affirmed by congregational “**Amen**”

Postlude *Toccata in E minor* Johann Pachelbel

Leading Us in Worship Today:

Minister: Bill Vis

Organist: Julianne Zhu

Liturgist: Esa Rantanen

Congregational Song Leader: Jackie Fenton

Children's Message: Bethany Miller

Offertory Deacon: Dale Chambery

Congregational Prayer: Jeff Harp

Fellowship Committee Update: Chrissy Null

Adult Bells: Dick Astifan, director

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