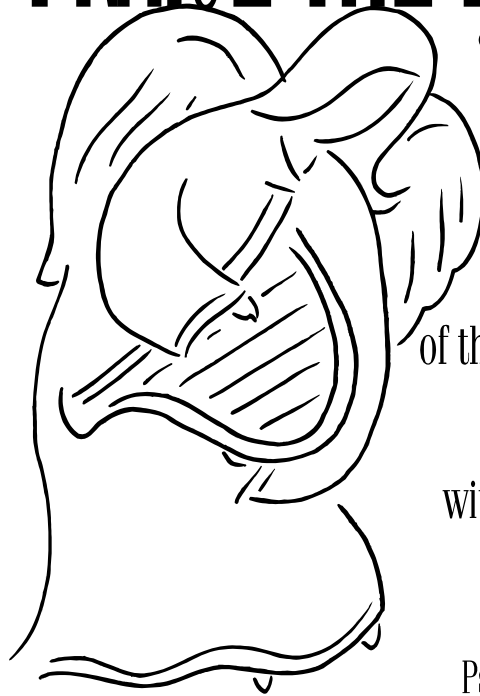


ROCK PRAIRIE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, August 9, 2026

9:30 a.m.

PRAISE THE LORD



Praise him
with the
sounding
of the trumpet;
praise him
with the harp
& the lyre.

Psalm 150:1,3

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Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

** Please stand if you are able*

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRELUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Nimrod" / Elgar

"Sweet By and By" / Webster, Purifoy

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" / Kirkpatrick, Raney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE

SYLVIA O'CONNOR

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" / Moore, Berry

*CALL TO WORSHIP

HEBREWS 10

One: The hour is coming and is now here for worship.

All: True worship seeks the Father in spirit and in truth.

One: Let us draw near to God with a true heart, in full assurance of faith.

All: We come to worship the living God, whose grace opens the way.

One: Let us encourage one another, as we praise the Lord with every breath.

All: We worship God with grateful hearts and voices of praise.

***HYMN #336 + HFG "O Worship the King"**

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

1 JOHN 1

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, You invite us to draw near with true hearts, yet we confess our minds wander and our hearts cling to lesser things. You call us to

O Worship the King

The true worshipper shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth. — John 4:23

LYONS

Robert Grant

Adapted from Johann Michael Haydn

1 O wor - ship the King all glo - rious a - bove, And
 2 O tell of His might and sing of His grace, Whose
 3 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It
 4 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, In

1 grate - ful - ly sing His won - der - ful love; Our Shield and De -
 2 robe is the light, whose can - o - py space; His char - iots of
 3 breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the
 4 Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail; Thy mer - cies how

1 fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa - vil - ioned in
 2 wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form, And dark is His
 3 hills, it de - scends to the plain, And sweet - ly dis -
 4 ten - der, how firm to the end, Our Mak - er, De -

1 splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 2 path on the wings of the storm.
 3 tills in the dew and the rain.
 4 fend - er, Re - deem - er and Friend. A - men. rain.

Alternate ending for 3rd stanza into harmonization

worship in truth, yet we come distracted, hesitant, and afraid. You urge us to hold fast to hope, yet we worry and rely on our own strength. You command us to encourage one another, yet we choose silence, judgment, or distance.

Hear our private prayers ...

TIME FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND EXAMINATION

Forgive us, Holy Lord. Cleanse us by Your mercy.

Renew us by Your Spirit.

Holy God, through your Spirit make us a people who worship You with honest hearts. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Restore in us the joy of worship that flows from Your grace alone. May we live with the confidence of faith held in Your unconditional love. Through your Spirit, we pray in Jesus' name Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

2 CORINTHIANS 5

One: This is the message of Christ. Christ is risen!

Your sins are forgiven. Christ is risen indeed.

Receive the gift of life for evermore.

***All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored,
and welcomed into the fellowship of
God's own people.***

PASSING THE PEACE

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE #2026 + SF**

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

PSALM 150

THE PSALM

PSALM 150

ALL THINGS PRAISE THE LORD

Psalm 150, the grand finale of the Book of Psalms, acting purely as an exuberant, passionate call for all creation to praise God everywhere.

These six verses contain no teachings or arguments, just a call to worship the Lord for His mighty deeds and supreme greatness. The psalmist instructs us to praise God in His "sanctuary" and the "mighty heavens", meaning praise everywhere across creation. The conclusive crescendo: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" The emphasis purely on directing our attention toward God.

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

KIDS KIRK

NICOLE BARLASS

Children are invited to come up to the chancel

#2226 + SF *"Bind Us Together"*

"Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together

With cords that cannot be broken, Bind us together,

Lord Bind us together, Bind us together in Love

There is only one God, There is only one King

There is only one Body, That is why we sing."

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Here I am To Worship" / Hillsong

THE EPISTLE

JOHN 4:16-26

JESUS & THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

Jesus crosses cultural barriers to meet with a Samaritan woman at a well. He exposes her need for salvation and declares the arrival of a new era of worship. As the Messiah, Jesus exposes sin and her deep spiritual thirst for the truth. The woman attempts to divert the conversation from her personal life by asking about the proper place to worship. Jesus

redefines worship entirely. He declares, true worshipers must worship the Father in "spirit and in truth," as God is Spirit.

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON

REV. DR. BRUCE A. JONES

"Worship in Spirit and Truth"

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

HEBREWS 12

***RESPONSE #384 + HFG** *"Doxology"*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ROMANS 8

Faithful God, we lift our voices and offer our gifts in grateful praise of your saving work. You remain the source of every good gift, that fills our lives with grace and hope. Receive our offering; as we invest our financial resources, time, talents, and our praise. Use this offering for your glory. Make our lives an offering of worship and praise. May all that we do lift your name on high. Amen.

***HYMN #370 + HFG “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”**

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

SYLVIA O’CONNOR

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” | Hughes, Forrest

****Please remember to wear your name tags****

If you do not have one, notify the office and
we will have one made for you.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Bold text said in unison

*** Please stand if you are able.**

+ GG- *Glory to God Presbyterian Hymnal*

+ HFG – *Hymns for the Family of God*

+ SF – *Sing the Faith*, small blue hymnal

**- Audio enhancements, larger print Bibles & bulletins,
and children’s resources are available**

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O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Our soul waiteth for the Lord; He is our help . . . — Psalm 33:20

Psalm 90
Isaac Watts

ST. ANNE
William Croft

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The music is in G major and ends with a double bar line.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Still may we dwell se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,
5 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,

1 Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home!
2 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
3 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
4 Short as the watch that ends the night, Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 Be Thou our guide while life shall last, And our e - ter - nal home! A-men.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters: Dave & Vicki Ott

Ushers: Lindi & Bob Paull

Liturgist: Nicole Barlass

Kids Kirk: Nicole Barlass

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting or seeking a church home,
we invite you to explore all that happens in the life
and ministry of this church. Speak to our pastor or
someone next to you for more information.

Children are always welcome in worship.

Childcare for infants and toddlers is provided in the nursery.

STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones

Director of Music: Krista Jones

Piano/Organ Accompanist: Sylvia O'Connor

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Nursery Coordinator: Angela Tyson

Nursery Assistant: Emily Kleinheinz

Audio/Video Technician: Matthew Blija

Church Caretaker: Jason Van Meter

THIS WEEK AT RPPC

Sunday, August 9

9:30am ~ Worship

Tuesday, August 11

3pm ~ B&G Committee Meeting

6:30pm ~ Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 12

6:30pm ~ Outreach Committee Meeting

Friday, August 14

10:30am ~ Prairie Pals

Rebecca Kordatzky – local author

Sunday, August 16

9:30am ~ Worship/Communion

Tuesday, August 18

NO Session Meeting

Wednesday, August 19

9:30am ~ Deacons Meeting



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2026 DEACONS

Russ Antos, Theresa Huber, Eileen Howarth,
Martha Johnson, Sandy Kohls,
Jean Paszkiet, Chris Stried, Kay Ward

ChurchUnited: One of the most powerful things we can do as the



Church is come together and point people to Jesus. We are invited to the next ChurchUnited Night on Thursday, August 27.

Not just another worship night, but a spark that reminds us we're better together. As churches from across the Stateline gather to worship and pray, my prayer is that God would strengthen our unity and deepen our shared mission to make Jesus known in our communities.

**Thursday, August 27 - 6:30–7:45 PM
The Marv Pavilion | Downtown Janesville**



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