

# THE ORDER OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*

May 5, 2024

Ten O'clock AM

\* sitting or standing

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer requests will be collected during Prelude.

Welcome Cards are available in the chair pockets for you to communicate with the church.

PRELUDE – Bell Choir

*My Lord, What a Morning*

Edwards

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively):

Congregational response in **bold**

The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

**Let our joy be complete!**

Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a new song:

**Love one another!**

Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in the new song:

**No longer servants but friends!**

Come, let our worship make a joyful noise,

**Let us rejoice in the friendship of God.**

## \* OPENING PRAYER (unison):

**Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvelous victory. Amen.**

## \* HYMN #464

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Maroon Hymnal

PSALM 98

and

SUNG RESPONSE:



O sing to God a joy-ful song; Break forth and sing God's praise.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

pg. 895

John 15:9-17

pg. 878

### MESSAGE

“Astounding Love”

Rev. Kelly Gallagher

### MUSICAL INTERLUDE – Bell Choir

*How Beautiful*

Larson

## PEOPLE'S PRAYER

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

(debts and debtors)

### INVITATION TO SHAREE - If you would like to support our ministry you can:

- Place your gift in the offering plates located at the entrances of the sanctuary
- Scan QR code on back or click on the PayPal icon found on our home page of [www.congoroch.org](http://www.congoroch.org)
- Mail your check written out to Congregational Church UCC, 974 Skyline Dr. SW, Rochester, MN 55902

## \* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God for all that love has done. Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen.**

## \* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to partake of this sacrament. You need only the desire to experience the presence of Christ and the willingness to eat with all others gathered here. Children are welcome to communion if their parents so desire. As a sign of our individual participation in the Body of Christ we take the bread from the passed tray and eat when we are ready; the cup we hold and drink together as a sign of our unity in Christ. The cup contains grape juice and the bread is gluten, dairy, soy and nut free (Canyon Bakehouse). If you prefer prepackaged Communion elements, they are available in the Narthex or from an usher.

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Opening Responses

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

Hymn of Praise (sung):

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.**

**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! Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessing of the Elements

Words of Institution

Memorial Acclamation & Sung Response

One: Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Intercessions & Sung Response

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison):

**We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\* HYMN #488 *Be Still, My Soul* Black Hymnal

\* COMMISSIONING (unison):  
**Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast to that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil,  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak; help the afflicted;  
honor all people; love and serve God,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - Bell Choir *Celebrate with Joy* Dobrinski



WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Shannon Smith, Rev. Andrew Greenhaw

GUEST: Rev. Kelly Gallagher, Associate Conference Minister for MN Conference UCC

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Karmen Gusa

ACCOMPANIST: Emily Roth, organ & piano

CANTOR: Vicki Couch

LITURGIST: Mark Klarich

NURSERY - Room 16 on main level: Colleen Hofer

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Pastor Shannon - K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade in Room 21 following Children's Time

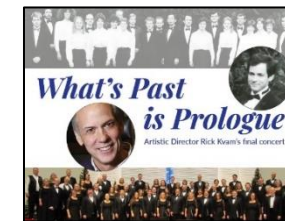
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**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

Mon	5/6	8:00 AM	Gardening Angels
Tue	5/7	10:00 AM	Men's Group - at church
		2:00 PM	Bible Study - Zoom
Wed	5/8	5:15 PM	Bell Choir
		6:30 PM	Youth Group
Thu	5/9	12:00 PM	Bulletin & Announcement info due
		6:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri	5/10	9-11 AM	Channel One Volunteer Day

**THE CARE FUND**  
is collected on the first Sunday of the month and is used for emergency relief for our members during difficult times.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS CONTINUES TODAY** after worship. Childcare will be provided. We will welcome new members into the life of The Congregational Church during worship on **Sunday, May 19 and have a POTLUCK during Fellowship Time.** To help us plan, let us know you are attending by signing up on our events page: [www.congoroch.org/news-events](http://www.congoroch.org/news-events).



**RICK KVAM'S FINAL CONCERT WITH CHORAL ARTS ENSEMBLE is today, May 5 at 3:00 PM at Christ United Methodist Church.** He has picked personal choral favorites: some old, some new, some serious, some lighthearted—all wonderful. Hear music from the Renaissance to the world premiere of a new work commissioned by Dale Trumbore. Join us to celebrate Choral Arts Ensemble's four decades of distinguished singing and its bright musical future. Tickets \$30/adults, \$10/students.

**GARDENING ANGELS BEGIN ON MAY 6** - The Gardening Angels do weeding and cleanup on the church grounds, focusing on sprucing up around the church building. We also care for the Memorial Garden; adding plants and watering as needed, and weeding. You're welcome to join us any Monday morning at 8:00 AM throughout the summer (off on Memorial Day and Labor Day).





**CHANNEL ONE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** - Please join us for meaningful outreach ministry at our congregation's next monthly group volunteer session at Channel One Regional Food Bank on **Friday, May 10, 9:00 - 11:00 AM**. We usually re-pack bulk foods into smaller packages for distribution throughout the Channel One network or pack food boxes for CSFP or high-rise delivery. Signing up to volunteer must be done via our unique page on the Channel One volunteer site. More information and the link to the sign-up page can be found at [www.congoroch.org/news-events](http://www.congoroch.org/news-events). Channel One relies on volunteer help to provide food to the 14 counties it serves. Please consider giving some of your time to alleviate food insecurity! Questions? Contact Cheryl Roediger.



**SUMMER CHURCH LIFE** - As we look ahead to summer, please provide any **articles** with updates and upcoming events happening during June-August to be included in our Summer Church Life print edition that we aim to send out by Memorial Day. Please send them to Sarah at [church@congoroch.org](mailto:church@congoroch.org) by **Friday, May 17**. Anything submitted in advance would be most helpful. Thank you!



**ROCHESTER PRIDE SIGN UP:** All are invited to sign up to represent our congregation at our booth at Rochester Pride on **Saturday, May 18 from Noon to 5:00 PM** (with set up and take down before and after). Sign-up using the link on our events page: [www.congoroch.org/news-events](http://www.congoroch.org/news-events). Shifts are 1 hour long but feel free to sign up for as many slots as you wish. This is a very family friendly event so children and youth are also welcome in the booth! We are considering t-shirts so sign up right away! If you have any questions, email Nancy at [namzr79@gmail.com](mailto:namzr79@gmail.com).



**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!** We want to recognize your efforts toward your education and wish you continued success. Please plan to attend graduate recognition during the worship service on **Sunday, May 19** to celebrate your accomplishments. If you are graduating from high school, vo-tech, college or graduate school, please email [church@congoroch.org](mailto:church@congoroch.org) by noon on **Wednesday, May 15** so we can list all graduates in the worship bulletin. High school graduates, please share your school and plans after graduation. If you are a college graduate, please share the college you attended and the degree you received.



**FIRST MEETING OF THE YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP WAS A SUCCESS!** We are currently planning our second gathering to cook dinner and play games in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Pastor Shannon for more information.

**BOOK GROUP** meets on the 3rd Tuesday at 10:30 AM at church, plus a Zoom option for those who wish to join us from home. Book selection for **May 21** is "Dear Edward" by Napolitano and is available in the church office.

**HELP US GET READY FOR SUMMER PLAYGROUP!** Come help spruce up the playground on **Saturday, May 25 from 9 AM to Noon**. (Note date and time change from May 4) Our summer playgroup starts in June and there is much to be done to make our playground as welcoming as possible. All ages can help and childcare helpers will be on hand to guide the kids in some clean up tasks. Come for as long as you are able, all help is appreciated. Among the jobs we will be doing: setting up a sun sail, filling the sandbox, hanging new swings. Snacks, water and juice boxes provided.



**THANK YOU** for your thoughtful contributions to this year's **Easter Offering**. Through your generosity, \$1,283 was received. The Stewardship Benevolence Committee added \$217 from the local benevolence line item to round the total up to \$1,500. This will be divided equally between Community Food Response and Bear Creek Services.

**THANK YOU TO CHANNEL ONE VOLUNTEERS!** Many thanks to the 8-person crew for our April 26 Food Bank group volunteer session: Janet Bartz; John and LuAnn Nicholson; Bob and Cheryl Roediger; Cathy Swessel; David Walters; and Mark Young. Janet put labels on bags. Mark distributed wheat cereal from the large container. The others scooped one pound of the cereal into each bag, taped it shut and put the completed bag into large boxes. We finished bagging all **500 pounds of cereal** and went home early! The bags will be distributed through Channel One's onsite Food Shelf. **See more pictures on our Facebook page:** [The Congregational Church UCC - Rochester, MN](https://www.facebook.com/ChurchofChristRochesterMN).



<b>MONTHLY OFFERING REPORT</b>		<u>2023 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Actual</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>
APRIL	Estimate of Giving	\$16,756	\$12,718	\$22,051
	Non-Estim. Giving	\$905	\$1,070	\$2,083
	TOTAL	\$17,661	\$13,788	\$24,134
Y-T-D	TOTAL	\$91,734	\$131,493	\$96,536

