

**Ministers:** The congregation of Christ United Methodist Church  
**Pastors:** Michael Wuehler, Amanda Larsen, David Lieder, Nancy Wheeler Handlon  
**Children and Family Ministries Coordinator:** Jenny Gunter  
**Director of Music/Organist:** Richard D. Owen  
**Coordinator of Handbell Choirs:** Deedee Odell  
**Parish Nurses:** Patricia Hrabe and Ann Loth  
**Children's worship bags and bulletins** are in the narthex.  
**Welcome Center:** Roger and Joyce Heil  
**Greeters:** Carol and Stew Swanson, Roger and Janet Hagen  
**Fellowship Coffee:** Larry and Ginny Tupper, Ann Roering, Dean Swanson  
**Sound Booth:** 9:00 Lad Roering  
                                  11:00 Matt Fiscus, Chris J. Popp  
**Front desk reception:** Joan Wilcox

**Nursery care** for under age five is available in Rooms 135 and 137 in the upper east hallway

**Next Week's Lectionary:** Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 20-22, Psalm 124, James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Today's **radio broadcast** today is given by Elmer and JoAnn Block. The 9:00 a.m. service airs Sundays at 11:30 am on KOLM radio, 1520AM. Please use the chart in the Commons by the Sanctuary doors to sign up for a radio broadcast, or you can sign up in the church office.

The **flowers** on the altar are **in celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Harley and June Flathers.** They were married September 19, 1959, Merle Dunn presiding at Homestead EUB Church in Rochester.

There will be cake and coffee served in the commons after the worship service to celebrate Harley and June's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. All are welcome to participate.



**Worship Hours:**  
8:00am – *Worship and Communion in the Chapel*  
9:00am – *Worship in the Sanctuary*  
11:00am – *Emergent Worship in the Education Conference Center*  
**Wednesday Worship**  
6:15 pm – *Wednesday Worship Celebration in the Education Conference Center*

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**To Live, Love and Serve as Jesus Teaches**  
**An inclusive church where all are welcome!**

**September 20, 2009** **9:00 am**

\* Congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS IN PRAISE AND PRAYER**

PRELUDE Prelude in C Major, BWV 547 J. S. Bach

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*HYMN OF GATHERING**  
(UMH) No. 185 When Morning Gilds the Skies *LAUDES DOMINI*

**\*OPENING PRAYER**  
Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of God?

**The first shall be last and the last shall be first.**

If you want to be first, you must become a servant of all.

**God of love and grace, help us to become a welcoming community. Help us to lower our defenses and open our hearts so that we can be a community that welcomes everyone. We know that when we welcome even little children, we welcome you into our presence.**

**Place before us a vision of what we can become as we practice radical hospitality. For we know your message and love is meant for all the people of this world. Let our acts of love reflect your message.**

Indeed let the children of this world come to us.

**\*ACT OF PRAISE**

(FWS) No. 2276

Glory to God in the Highest

*GLORIA (HAAS)*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

SPECIAL MUSIC

J. S. Bach/arr. Kelley

“My Heart Ever Faithful,” Aria from Cantata #68

**Rochester Chamber Music Society Members**

**Dr. Horacio Nuguid, piano and Dr. David Townsend, clarinet**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**TO HEAR AND CELEBRATE GOD’S WORD**

ANTHEM

Speak, O Lord

arr. John Ferguson

**Voices in Praise**

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take our truth; plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for Your glory.  
Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail let the truth prevail over unbelief.  
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time this will echo through eternity.  
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, ‘til your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.*

GOSPEL LESSON

James 3:13-18

NEW TESTAMENT

Mark 9:30-37

GOOD NEWS FOR TODAY

**“How Great I Art”**

**Pastor Michael Wuehler**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Allegro from Flute Sonata in E

J. S. Bach/arr. Christmann

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**\*DOXOLOGY**

*UMH No. 94*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**AND TO BE SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

**\*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH**

(UMH) No. 664

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

*THE ASH GROVE*

\*BENEDICTION

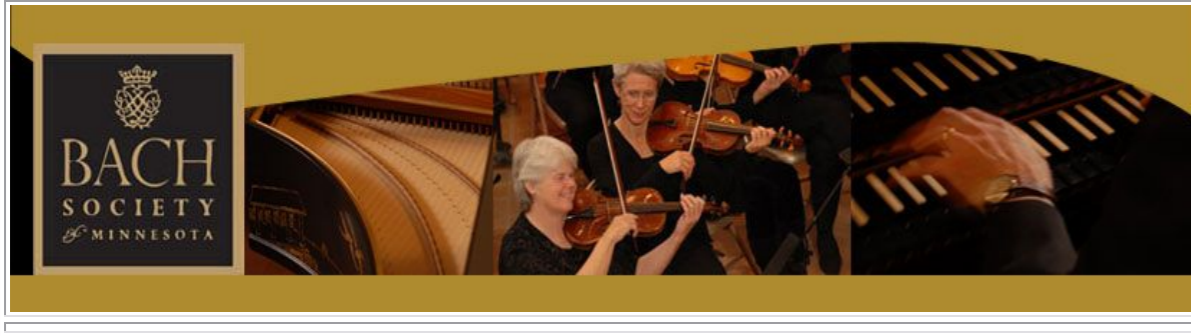
POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major, BWV 547

J. S. Bach

*Thank you for being with us in worship this morning.  
Please join us for worship again next week.*

**Rochester Chamber Music Society**  
presents  
**The Bach Society of Minnesota**  
**September 26, 2009 7:30 PM at Christ UMC**



**Our Annual South of the Border Meal and Auction** will be Sunday, September 27, 2009. The meal (10:00 – noon), silent auction (8:30-noon) and live auction (12:00-12:45) all benefit our mission trips to Guatemala. Teams are preparing for medical/construction in January 2010 and social work in March 2010. Tickets for the meal are on sale today in the Commons. A “viewbook” for the auction is also available. Please contact Pastor Amanda to donate high quality items for the auction.

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at noon the UMW is sponsoring a Brown Bag Lunch. It is open to the public. Each is to bring their own lunch and the UMW women will serve coffee and juice. The topic is “The Rochester Diversity Council, What the goals are for Today” by Denise Robertson, Director of Development and communications.

*Entrées*

Turkey Breast in Mushroom Sauce	\$3.00
Beef Strogenoff	3.00
Stuffed Pork Chops	3.00
Chicken Tenders	1.00
Pizza Boats	3.00

*Roll and Butter are served with every meal.*

*Side Dishes*

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy	\$1.00
Steamed Vegetables	1.00
Green Bean Almandine	1.00
Macaroni and cheese	1.00
Fruit cobbler	1.00
Cold Salad	1.00
Cut Fresh Fruit	1.00
Chocolate covered Rice Krispy Square	.50

**Medical Reserve Corps**

Olmsted County Public Health Services has formed a Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and is looking for non-medical and retired medical community members who are interested in volunteering. The Medical Reserve Corps is community-based and functions as a way to locally organize and utilize volunteers who want to donate their time and expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies and promote healthy living throughout the year. MRC volunteers supplement existing emergency and public health resources. The national MRC program was founded in 2002 as a way for individuals and organizations to volunteer to help ensure health and security in their communities. It is a specialized component of Citizen Corps, a national network of volunteers dedicated to ensuring hometown security. Citizen Corps, along with AmeriCorps and the Peace Corps, promote volunteerism and service nationwide.

Additional information is available at [www.co.olmsted.mn.us](http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us).

*provided by Olmsted County Public Health*

September 20 – September 27

**Sunday, September 20**

7:45 am Nursery – Room 135  
**8:00 Worship and Communion – Chapel**  
9:00 Adult Bible Study – Adult Library  
**9:00 Traditional Worship – Sanctuary**  
**9:00 KinderWorship – Room 133**  
*9:30 Mennonite Worship Service – Chapel*  
10:00 Parish Nurse – Family Room  
10:10 Parenting Class – Room 135  
10:10 Age 3 – Pre K Sunday school – Room 133  
10:10 K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Rotational Sunday school – Lower East Hall  
10:10 Mid-High Sunday school – Room 38  
10:10 Sr. High Sunday school – Youth Room  
10:10 “The Jesus I Never Knew” – Room 145  
10:10 Contemporary Issues – Room 146  
10:10 Inquiring Spirits – Hamline  
10:10 Volunteer Simplicity – Mettam  
10:15 Prayer Chain Team – Adult Library  
10:15 Voices in Praise - ECC  
**11:00 Emergent Worship – ECC**  
12:00 pm First Lego League – ECC, Rooms 36 & 37  
5:00 Youth Band – ECC

**Monday, September 21**

5:30 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Homes  
5:30 Men’s Covenant Disciple Group – Adult Library  
6:45 Health Cabinet – Office Fireside  
7:00 Boy Scouts – Wesley Hall

**Tuesday, September 22**

8:00 am Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room  
12:00 pm Brown Bag Lunch - Hamline  
5:15 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room  
5:30 Community Bible Study Leaders – Room 145  
5:30 Trustees – Room 146  
7:00 Community Bible Study – Church-wide  
7:00 Finance Team - Mettam  
7:00 Celebration Bells – Bell Room  
7:00 Sr. High Youth Group – Room 38  
7:00 Interfaith Youth – Synagoge on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SW

**Wednesday, September 23**

8:00 UMW Rummage Sale Set-up - Wesley Hall  
10:00 Under K Play – Room 137  
10:30 Sr. Adult Choir – Choir Room  
11:15 Sr. Bell Ringers – Bell Room  
1:00 pm Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room

4:30 Little Angels – Rooms  
4:30 Stepping Stones – Choir Room  
4:30 Child Care for under Age 3 – Room 137  
4:45 Wednesday Fellowship Dinner – Wesley Hall  
5:15 Pathway Singers – Choir Room  
5:30 Youth Band - ECC  
6:00 Voices in Praise – Choir Room  
6:00 Jubilee Bells – Bell Room  
6:15 Wednesday Worship Celebration – ECC  
7:00 Carillon Ringers – Bell Room  
7:00 “The Jesus I Never Knew” Class – Room 145  
7:00 Exploration – ECC  
8:15 Christ Chimers – Bell Room

**Thursday, September 24**

7:00 am Men’s Discussion Group – Room 145  
8:00 Covenant Disciple Group – Family Room  
8:00 UMW Rummage Sale Set-up – Wesley Hall  
9:30 Circle 1 – Hamline  
5:00 pm First Lego League –ECC, Rooms 36 & 37  
5:30 Mid-High Power & Light – Room 38

**Friday, September 25**

8:00 am UMW Rummage Sale – Wesley Hall  
10:00 Rug Hooking Group – Room 146  
5:30 pm Parents Night Out – Rooms 133 & 134

**Saturday, September 26**

8:00 am UMW Rummage Sale – Wesley Hall  
11:00 am Saturday Noon Meals Social and Snack Time – Hamline  
12:00 pm Saturday Noon Meals Family Style Dinner – Wesley Hall  
1:00 YAM Set-up – Wesley Hall  
7:30 Rochester Chamber Music Society Concert - Sanctuary

**Sunday, September 20 (See September 27)**

8:00 am – 12:00 pm Silent Auction – Wesley Hall  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm South of the Border Meal – Wesley Hall  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Live Auction – Wesley Hall  
4:00 pm District Meeting – Hamline  
7:00 ASP Youth and Parents Info Meeting – Wesley Hall