



**WORSHIP OF GOD | 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 16, 2023**  
**First Baptist Church of Rochester**  
**175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, New York 14618**  
**Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Evann Hasenauer, student intern**



*At **First Baptist Church** we **welcome and** affirm all people regardless of race, class, gender, physical challenge, place of origin, or sexual orientation in worship, in community, in membership, and in all aspects of congregational life. If you wish to be a part of the FBCR community, we have good news – we already consider you a part. Please sign our guest book or trade contact information with any member so we might get to know you better and help you connect more fully. If you wish to consider entering into a covenant relationship (membership) with FBCR, ask any member to tell you about their experience. Welcome.*

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**We're delighted you've joined us in worship today.** If this is the first time or one of the first times you've worshiped with us, would you consider letting us know? We would love to get to know you better. If you are willing to trust us with your contact information so we may connect you soon, please sign the book in the narthex, complete the card found in the small pocket in your pew—placing it in the offering plate, or go to [rochesterfbc.org/guest](http://rochesterfbc.org/guest).

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## **\*\*Royalties for Spirituals**

*Whenever we sing a Spiritual in worship, a special offering to cover the royalties never collected on numerous Spirituals over the years is taken then forwarded to the William Warfield Scholarship Fund at Eastman School of Music. This fund is “dedicated to providing financial support and encouragement for African American students seeking to attain success in the field of classical vocal music.” The fund is in the memory of singer, actor, music educator, and Rochester’s own William Warfield. Please place RFS in the memo line of your check. Learn more at [www.rochesterfbc.org/spirituals](http://www.rochesterfbc.org/spirituals).*

Prelude

*Fantasy in C*

J.S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

For Reflection as we gather:

***Instructions for living a life:  
Pay attention.  
Be astonished.  
Tell about it.***

–Mary Oliver, From the Book Soul Boom, Why We need a  
Spiritual Revolution, Riann Willson, p. xiii.

Gathering Music

*Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)*  
Bill Kerber, soloist

C. Rice

Welcome

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

Call to Worship

*Psalm 119*  
Adapted for worship-JGC

Mark Harnischfeger

One: How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to Your word.

**ALL: Let us seek You with all our heart; do not let us stray from Your commands.**

One: Hide Your words in our hearts that we might not sin against You.

**ALL: Praise be to You, Lord; teach us Your decrees.**

One: With our lips we recount all the laws that come from Your mouth.

**ALL: We rejoice in following Your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.**

One: We will meditate on Your precepts and consider Your ways.

**ALL: Let us delight in Your decrees; let us not neglect Your word.**

\*Hymn 113/Blue

*Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart*

R. H. Messiter,  
E. H. Plumptre

<b>Poem</b>	<i>And Still I Rise</i> Maya Angelou	Evann Hasenauer
<b>*Hymn 312/Blue</b>	<i>Christ is Alive</i> v. 3-5	T. Williams' Psalmodia Evangelica, B. Wren
<b>Mission Minute</b>	<i>Care Portal</i>	Lara Capuano
<b>Morning Prayer Litany</b>		Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

One: Spirit of God, We have heard Your call to share in building up the Kingdom of God. Fill us with the desire to change ourselves and to change the world.

**ALL: Enflame our passion for justice into a commitment to address unjust situations and structures.**

ONE: Deepen our concern for our sisters and brothers in America and overseas who endure the burdens of poverty, war, exploitation and persecution.

**ALL: Let us enthusiastically play our part in the mission of the Church in the modern world. Banish any complacency in our hearts and minds. Teach us to recognize the lack of justice.**

One: May we always act in the Spirit of justice. May we envisage, pray about and create a different sort of world in which injustice is replaced with a renewed sense of solidarity and care.

**ALL: Enlivened by the Spirit, may we go forth in the peace of the Holy Spirit to love and serve the Lord. Amen**

- Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

<b>Special Music</b>	<i>Deep River**</i> Bill Kerber, soloist	Spiritual arr. J. T. Burleigh
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<b>Children's Time</b>		Pastor Joanne
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\*Hymn 365/Blue

*Thank You Lord \*\**

Spiritual

Poem

*For Courage*  
by John O'Donahue  
from *To Bless the Space Between Us*, p. 107

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

\*Hymn 385/Blue

*Search Me, O God*

E. J. Hopkins, J. E. Orr

Psalm 139 Litany

*The Inescapable God*  
*To the Leader. Of David*

Evann Hasenauer,  
Mark Harnischfeger

Evann:

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.

All:

<sup>3</sup> **You search out my path and my lying down  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

<sup>4</sup> **Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.**

Mark:

<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.

All:

<sup>7</sup> **Where can I go from your spirit?  
Or where can I flee from your presence?**

<sup>8</sup> **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

Evann:

<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

All:

<sup>11</sup> **If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and night wraps itself around me,"**

<sup>12</sup> **even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

Mark:

<sup>13</sup> For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.

*\*congregation sings*

*\*\*RFS—See page 2*

**All:**                   <sup>15</sup> **My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**

Evann:               Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
                          In your book were written  
                          all the days that were formed for me,  
                          when none of them as yet existed.

**All:**                   **How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
                          How vast is the sum of them!  
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

Mark:               <sup>19</sup> O that you would kill the wicked, O God,  
                          and that the bloodthirsty would depart from me—  
                          <sup>20</sup> those who speak of you maliciously  
                          and lift themselves up against you for evil!

Evann:               <sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, O Lord?  
                          And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?  
                          <sup>22</sup> I hate them with perfect hatred;  
                          I count them my enemies.

**All:**                   <sup>23</sup> **Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
                          test me and know my thoughts.  
                          <sup>24</sup> See if there is any wicked way in me,  
                          and lead me in the way everlasting.**

**Meditation**

*The Story of Three Bowls*

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Silent Prayer and Reflection**

**Lord's Prayer (Unison)**

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## Giving our Gifts to God

*In response for the gift of God's abundance, we return to God gifts of what we have and gifts of who we are. To contribute financially to the work of FBCR you may leave an offering in the plate as it is passed, or send an offering by mail or give at [rochesterfbc.org/contribute](http://rochesterfbc.org/contribute).*

**Music in Response**

*Modal Piece*

J. Langlais

**\*Doxology 688/Blue** *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

## Prayer of Dedication

## Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Worshippers with information on the life of the church are invited to offer announcements. From Zoom simply unmute and speak up. From campus, come to one of the congregation microphones.*

**\*Hymn 372/Blue**

*I Then Shall Live*

J. Sibelius,  
G. Gaither

**Benediction**

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Postlude**

*Prelude in G*

J. T. Krebs



**Thank you to those participating in today's service** including: Mark Harnischfeger, reader; Evann Hasenauer, student intern, Bob McDonald and Richard Wien, ushers; Scott and Susen McClellan, and Janet Richardson, tech team; and our musicians: Bill Kerber, guest soloist; and Samuel Baker, organ.

# INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

**One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering Concludes Today.** There are envelopes in the pews for this 100% pass-through offering.

**Pride Worship Service:** Today at 3:00 PM at Immanuel Baptist Church on Park Avenue.

**Wednesday Check-in:** Our online Zoom room is available to anyone who wishes to check in and have a chat each Wednesday evening through the summer beginning at 5:30 PM.

**OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors):** OWLS returns this week on Thursday, July 13 at 11:30 AM with Silver Stretch led by Kathy Mulvelhill, 12:15 PM Lunch, and 12:30 PM Informational Program. This week Kathy will share information about her vacation. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at (585) 520-6948 or email her at [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com).

**FBCR Book Club:** We will meet this Tuesday, **July 18**, 11:30 AM in the Library to discuss *Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships* by Nina Totenberg. Totenberg shares in this memoir her personal successes, struggles, and life-affirming relationships, including her beautiful friendship of nearly fifty years with Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Bring your own lunch; a beverage will be provided. Everyone is welcome to join us.

**Margaret Cooley's Memorial Service** will be held on July 24 at 10:00 AM.

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace: An early fall Mission experience is coming!** Over the next several weeks we will begin to share information about a wonderful hands-on and congregational-gifting mission project that is scheduled for September 9, 2023. *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* has the motto of **"No Kid Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town."** Through donations from companies and organization of raw materials, the hands-on hard work of volunteers, and the gifts of twin bedding from others, this non-profit organization strives to live up to its motto in local communities all across the country. To view a 20-minute video hosted by Mike Rowe go to <https://www.facebook.com/ReturningTheFavor/videos/2020109721593621/>. A direct link can be found on our website at [www.rochesterfbc.org/connections/](http://www.rochesterfbc.org/connections/).

**Nursery Care;** We are seeking paid help for the nursery for infants through toddlers. If you know of someone who enjoys working with young children and is available on Sundays and occasionally other days and times for special events, please let us know. We also seek people willing to substitute for unexpected absences. We currently have at least two families, who would be new to us, who need nursery care on Sundays.

**Save the Date:** Please place the evening of September 29 on your calendar. Then get ready for a evening of food, fun, and fellowship. To give you a clue of what's to come... let us ask, "Who Got Talent?" Be sure to watch for more information soon!