



**WORSHIP OF GOD | 9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 30, 2023**  
**First Baptist Church of Rochester**  
**175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, New York 14618**  
**Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Evann Hasenauer, student pastor**

**Prelude**                      *God's Time Is the Best of Times* (Cantata 106)                      J. S. Bach

## **Chiming of the Hour**

### **For Reflection as We Gather**

*“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish each other, with all the wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”*                      *Colossians 3:16 (NIV)*

**Gathering Music**                      *Courante*                      A. Corelli  
Katie Worley, violin

**Welcome**                      Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**Call to Worship**                      *Psalm 98:1-7*                      Denise McClellan  
Adapted for worship-JGC

One: Let us sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

**All: God has made salvation known and revealed righteous to the nations.**

One: God has shown love and faithfulness to all the ends of the earth.

**All: Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Let us burst into jubilant song with music.**

One: Make music to the Lord with the violin, with the organ and the song of voices singing.

**All: Shout for joy before God our beloved King.**

One: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it, shout for joy to the Lord.

**All: Let us worship God in prayer and with our voices singing.**

**\*Hymn 507**                      *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*                      M. Luther, F. Hedge

**Hebrew Scriptures**                      *I Kings 3:5-12*                      Denise McClellan

**Morning Prayer**                      Evann Hasenauer  
**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**  
**Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music**                      *Bourree*                      J. S. Bach  
Katie Worley, cello

**Children's Time**                      Pastor Joanne

*Unison*

God's got the whole world in God's hands, God's got the  
 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the  
 She's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in her hands, she's got the  
 God's got you and me, broth-er, in God's hands, God's got

whole world in God's hands, God's got the  
 wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the  
 ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in her hands, she's got the  
 you and me, sister in God's hands, God's got the

whole world in God's hands, God's got the  
 wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the  
 ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in her hands, she's got the  
 you and me, neighbor in God's hands, God's got

*D.C.* *Coda (after Verse 4)*

whole world in God's hands. God's got the whole world in God's hands.

\*congregation sings

\*\*Royalties For Spirituals—see pg. ???

**Gospel**

*Matthew 13:31-33*

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

*....and we asked for Wisdom for discernment...*

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**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**

*When I Survey  
the Wondrous Cross*

*Rockingham*

**\*Doxology 34**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**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 664**

*Thy Word*

A. Grant, M. Smith

**Benediction**

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Postlude**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

H. Walcha

*\*congregation sings*



*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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**Thank you to those participating in today's service** including: Denise McClellan, reader; Evann Hasenauer, student pastor; Bob McDonald and Richard Wien ushers; Scott and Susen McClellan, and Janet Richardson, tech team; and our musicians: Katie Worley, guest violinist and cellist and Samuel Baker, organist.

## **\*\*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).*

# INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

**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 Thursday, August 3, meet in Hubbell Hall for a celebration with Bangers and Mash who return to entertain us. Gather at 11:30. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at (585) 520-6948 or email her at [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com).

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** We are kicking off our next Mission Project by volunteering for an organization called *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. This is a group that makes beds for children in the Greater Rochester area who are sleeping on the floor. We are volunteering to build beds on **Saturday, September 9th**. The build will take place at the Macedon Lowes. You DO NOT need any construction experience to volunteer! You will sign up for a 2-hour time slot. A roll out of the online volunteer website will happen as it gets a little closer. Children under 12 must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times and minors 12 and older should be accompanied to the build by a legal guardian.

Also, we will be collecting donations of twin sized “bed in a bags” for children, tweens, and teens. You can also donate a blanket. Blankets can be homemade, but must be new. No pillows needed at this time! These items will be collected and displayed at the front of the church like we did for the Cameron cleaning supplies. On our website, there is a link to an Amazon wish list. You can ship them directly to the church or bring them by on Sunday morning or during office hours. Let’s help the Greater Rochester Area be place where “No Child Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town!” Go to [www.rochesterfbc.org/connections](http://www.rochesterfbc.org/connections) for information on the organization and up-to-details as they become available.

**Save the Date:** On Friday evening, September 29, the church family and friends are invited to a Pasta Dinner and Talent Show put on by YOU! The supplied meal will consist of Pasta and Sauces bar (regular and GF pastas; butter or marinara sauces with optional meatballs) salad, with plain and garlic breads. Desserts will be “bring to share”. So dust off you magic tricks, vocal cords, instruments or any other talent you would like to share and let’s all see, “Who’s Got Talent?”

**For the latest news and information,** please go to our website to the *FBCR Connections* page at [www.rochesterfbc.org/connections](http://www.rochesterfbc.org/connections).