



**WORSHIP OF GOD | 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 1, 2023**  
**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY | SECTION LEADER SUNDAY**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**  
**175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, New York 14618**

**Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Evann Hasenauer, student pastor**  
**Henry Griffin, music director | Rev. Ivan Marable, Communion Assistant**



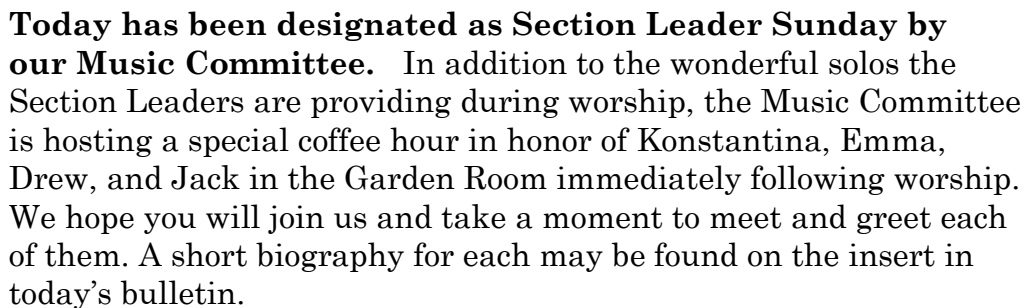
*At First Baptist Church we welcome and affirm all people regardless of race, class, gender, physical challenge, place of origin, or sexual orientation in worship, in community, in membership, and in all aspects of congregational life. If you wish to be a part of the FBCR community, we have good news – 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: Rev. Ivan Marable, communion assistant; Jean Garling, sanitizer; Kandee Tabor, reader; Bob McDonald usher; Susen and Scott McClellan, Oliver Hood, and Janet Richardson, tech team; and our musicians: Konstantina Gotouhidis, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo; Andrew Miller, tenor; Jack O'Leary, bass; Samuel Baker, organist; Doleen Hood, piano; and Henry Griffin, piano, music director.

A decorative border of musical notation, including staves with notes and clefs, framing the text on the left and right sides.

**Today has been designated as Section Leader Sunday by our Music Committee.** In addition to the wonderful solos the Section Leaders are providing during worship, the Music Committee is hosting a special coffee hour in honor of Konstantina, Emma, Drew, and Jack in the Garden Room immediately following worship. We hope you will join us and take a moment to meet and greet each of them. A short biography for each may be found on the insert in today's bulletin.

**SECTION LEADER SUNDAY | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Prelude**                      *Let us break bread together on our knees*                      arr. Charles Callahan  
   Samuel Baker, organist

**Chiming of the Hour**

**For Reflection while Gathering**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.    Jeremiah 29:11

**Gathering Music**                      *Quia respexit*                      J.S. Bach  
   Konstantina Gotouhidis, soprano, Henry Griffin, piano

Translation:

For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
Behold, from henceforth,  
I will be called blessed.

**Welcome**    Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**Call to Worship**                      *Psalms 25*                      Kandee Tabor  
   (Adapted for Worship—jgc)

One: To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls.  
       In You, O God, we put our trust.

**All: We wait for You, O God, we shall not be put to shame.**

One: Cause us to know Your ways, O Lord;  
       teach us Your paths.

**All: Lead us in Your truth and teach us,  
       for You are the God of our salvation;  
       for You we will wait all the day long.**

One: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love.

**All: The paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
       let us worship God.**

<b>Special Music</b>	<i>Chanson Épique</i> Jack O'Leary, baritone, Henry Griffin, piano	Maurice Ravel
<b>The Psalms</b>	<i>Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16</i>	Kandee Tabor
<b>Hymn #68</b>	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	R. Robinson; J. Wyeth's <i>Repository of Sacred Music</i>
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
<b>Sharing our Joys and Concerns</b>		
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>		
<b>Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Special Music</b>	"Es ist Vollbracht" from <i>Passion According to St. John</i> Emma Unkrich, mezzo; Doleen Hood, piano	J. S. Bach
Translation:	It is accomplished! What comfort for all suffering souls! The night of sorrow now reaches its final hours. The hero from Judah triumphs in his might and brings the strife to an end. It is accomplished!	
<b>Children's Time</b>		Evann Hasenauer
<b>*Hymn 65</b>	<i>God Moves in a Mysterious Way</i>	W. Cowper Scottish Psalter
<b>Hebrew Scripture</b>	<i>Exodus 2:1-10</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert Cannon
<b>Prayer for Illumination</b>		
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Small BIG Things</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert Cannon

\*congregation sings

## **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, send an offering by mail, or give at [rochesterfbc.org/contribute](http://rochesterfbc.org/contribute).

### **Music in Response**

*Come Thou Font*  
Andrew Miller, tenor  
Doleen Hood, piano

John, Wyeth,  
arr. Danielle. Issacson,  
text Robert Robinson

### **Prayer of Dedication**

### **The Lord's Supper**

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon  
Rev. Ivan Marable, assisting

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Unison Prayer for World Communion Sunday**

Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit—One in mission—In union  
and communion with each other and with You.

Today, God, we confess fumbblings and failures in accomplishing unity,  
as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize  
Your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

Give us a heart big enough to love Your children everywhere.

We thank You for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/a-prayer-for-world-communion-Sunday>, 2010

### **The Great Feast**

*God moves in a mysterious way*  
Samuel Baker, organist

arr. Flor Peeters

### **Benediction**

### **\*Parting Music 740**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Albert H. Malotte,  
arr. Donald P. Hustad,

*\*congregation sings*

# INVITATION TO MIS

**Today—Sunday, October 1st, is World Mission Special Offering (WMO).** *God has made everything beautiful in its time. Ecc. 3:11.* God sees everything that is going on in the world—in any given moment of time. In the midst of earthquakes, war, and disease, God’s kingdom continues to show signs of budding life. Our Global Servants in the field can attest to that and we can support them and their work through WMO. Please make your check out to First Baptist Church with WMO in the memo line for this 100% pass-through gift collected today. You can also mail your check into the church office or donate online through the “Give” option. Please refer to the back cover for a current global servant and their story from Malaysia

**Wednesday Book Study began last Wednesday, September 27,** but you can still join us. We are reading and discussing: *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters--and How to Talk About It* by Krista Tippett from NPR. Tippett is an intelligent and insightful commentator, theologian, and previously an international journalist who speaks on religion, ethics, and the human spirit. Drawing on her own life story and her intimate conversations with others, she explores complex subjects like science, love, virtue, and violence within the context of spirituality and everyday life. This week we will look at chapter 2 together.

**OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors):** On Thursday, October 5, we will begin with chair exercise at 11:30 AM; lunch at 12:15 PM; and at 12:30 PM a program. This week our topic is *Dessert First* (from Phillips European courtesy of Doris Adamek). Share a “true” dessert story. Light Soup will be served also. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at (585) 520-6948 or email her at [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com).

**Join us on Friday Evening, October 20th, at 7:00 PM for *Installation in a New Key: A Musical Welcome*** as First Baptist Rochester introduces Pastor Joanne and Henry to the Greater Rochester Community. This event will feature voice, prose, dance and instruments from an array of vibrant and talented local musicians. Our goal is to keep the event to about 1 hour. We can guarantee it will not be like any other installation you have attended. We hope for energy, joy, laughter, and a variety of music to delight us all. Please plan to attend and invite your friends!

# SION AND MINISTRY

**Children's Books needed.** The Sunday School room has recently been cleaned, moved, re-organized, and updated. Many of the books in the room were quite old and outdated in look and language. We would love to have books for our reading nook: contemporary or classics; new or lightly used! Thank you for considering this donation for our children.

**Thanks for signing up for Sunday help! The November sign up sheet is now on the Vitality Table.** We still need usher help through the end of the month. Please let the office or Bob McDonald know of your interest or availability.

**Preaching Class: *"Everyone has at least one good sermon within their hearts and maybe more"*, says Pastor Joanne.** To help you prepare to share your sermon with our congregation, Pastor Joanne is inviting anyone interested in a three- or four-session **Preaching class** to sign-up at the Vitality Table. It can be really inspiring to hear from our friends their thoughts and vision for this path of faith we walk together. You can sign up for the class, even if you are not sure if you will preach, and we will work out the dates for the class based on those who are interested and their availability.

**Book Club: This month we meet on Tuesday, October 24, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM.** We will be choosing our own book by Wendell Berry - poet, novelist, essayist. The library system doesn't have enough of any one title to read the same book, so we'll read a variety and bring our individual reactions to share with the group. We hope you will join us.

**Save the Date for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29th.** Our children will dress in their favorite costumes and we will gather in the parking lot following worship to provide to the community a safe and fun **treat** experience from the **trunks** of our vehicles.

**Wednesday Study—Poetry with Rev. Dr. Lauren Ng.** Rescheduled from last spring. Join us on October 25, November 2, and November 9 as Lauren leads a small group of people in a study on Poetry. Each week will feature the theme of "Looking" with *Looking At*, *Looking In*, and *Looking Out*. The class size is limited to 16 people, so if you are interested in participating in one or more of these studies, please reserve your spot as soon as possible to [janet@rochesterfbc.org](mailto:janet@rochesterfbc.org).

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

He has made  
*everything beautiful*  
in its time. ECCLESIASTES 3:11



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**TRAINING PASTORS IN MALAYSIA**

**AARON & VALERIE OSTERBROCK**

Aaron and Valerie have a ministry in theological education in partnership with Sabah Theological Seminary (STS), a historic International Ministries partner in East Malaysia. "We have a heart to encourage and equip the local church," Valerie says. "The students here are pastors and future church leaders with a call that has been affirmed by their churches. They've been sent by their churches, and they will return to serve their communities."

Both Aaron and Valerie are trained as theological educators, and they work in pastoral training of primarily indigenous students in both English and Bahasa Malay across multiple levels of education. Their active participation in all aspects of seminary life also includes leadership in pastoral care family groups, and discipling and mentoring pastors as they assist in local church ministry.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

1. Please pray that God will continue to use STS to train and equip pastors and church leaders to strengthen the church in Malaysia and South East Asia.
2. Pray for God to continue to provide for all of our needs as a family—physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and logistical.
3. Pray for God's Spirit to use us to help students grow in their relationship with Jesus and in their knowledge of his Word.

**JOIN IN GIVING** to the World Mission Offering through the church offering passed today in worship or online at [www.rochesterfbc.org/give](http://www.rochesterfbc.org/give). Thank you.

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