



*But what comes out of the  
mouth proceeds from the*

*Heart.*

*and this defiles a person.*

**MATTHEW 15:10**

**WORSHIP OF GOD | 11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | August 13, 2023**  
**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**  
**175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, New York 14618**  
**Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Evann Hasenauer, student pastor**  
**Katie Jo Suddaby, guest preacher**

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>There is a Happy Land Jerusalem My Happy Home</i>	arr. George Shearing
<b>Chiming of the Hour</b>		
<b>Gathering Music</b>	<i>Psalm 130</i> “De Fluyten Lust-hof” Patricia Hanley, recorder	Jr. Jacob van Eyck
<b>Welcome</b>		Evann Hasenauer
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Evann Hasenauer
One:	Children of God: welcome!	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>Welcome to this place of love and grace,</b>	
One:	Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,</b>	
One:	God invites all of us to share in the good news:	
<b>Many:</b>	<b>We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.</b>	
One:	In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.	
<b>All:</b>	<b>Amen</b>	
<b>*Hymn 29</b>	<i>God of the Sparrow</i> v. 1, 2, 3	J. Vajda, C. Schalk
<b>Hebrew Scriptures</b>	<i>Psalm 67</i>	Evann Hasenauer
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		Evann Hasenauer
	<b>Sharing our Joys and Concerns</b>	
	<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	
	<b>Lord’s Prayer</b>	

*\*congregation sings*

**Special Music** *Psalm 150* Jr. Jacob van Eyck  
“De Fluyten Lust-hof”  
Patricia Hanley, recorder

**Children’s Time** Evann Hasenauer

**\*Hymn 60** *I Will Sing of the Mercies* J. Filmore

**Gospel Reading** *Matthew 15:1-14* Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon** *Holy-Sounding Excuses* Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

**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** *Psalm 33* Jr. Jacob van Eyck  
“De Fluyten Lust-hof”  
Patricia Hanley, recorder

**\*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.**

**Unison Prayer of Dedication** Evann Hasenauer

**We give You thanks, O God for Your love and care for us.  
Accept these gifts that they may be used for Your glory. Amen**

**Invitation to Mission and Ministry**

Worshipers 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.

*\*congregation sings*

**\*Closing Hymn 716**

*God Be With you*

J. Rankin, W. Tomer

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Fanfare for the Common Man*

Aaron Copland

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*The recorder pieces are found in “Der Fluyten Lust-hof” by Jr. Jacob van Eyck (~1590-1667). He was a blind carillonneur at the cathedral in Utrecht and at St. Johnschurch. At St. Johnschurch he was, also, paid to occasionally play the recorder for the people promenading in the church yard. The music used was variations on folksongs, folk dances, and psalm tunes. Van Eyck had an assistant who wrote down the music and we are richer for his efforts.*

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**Thank you to those participating in today’s service** including: Katie Jo Suddaby, guest preacher; Evann Hasenauer, reader, student pastor; Bob McDonald and Richard Wien ushers; Susen and Scott McClellan, and Janet Richardson, tech team; and our musicians: Patricia Hanley, recorder; and Samuel Baker, organ.

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**Who you like to help in worship or with fellowship on a Sunday.** There are various ways sign up on the Vitality Table. We need readers, fellowship helpers, ushers, and more. Readers need for September and October and we need Usher help from September 20 through the month of October. Thanks for signing up!



*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.*

**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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## **Hello from Henry Griffin, your new FBCR music director!**

I am so excited to get the full music program started in September and to include opportunities for volunteer musicians to participate!! I invite everyone to try out their singing voice in the **FBCR Adult Choir** this fall. Rehearsals will be held on **Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM**, and volunteer singers will perform in worship a couple of times each month. One and all are truly welcome whether you are a beginner, a veteran choral singer, or anything in between! Plus, our fabulous section leaders will be there to help every step of the way. Rehearsals start **September 10**. If you think you might be interested, send me a quick note at [henry@rochesterfbc.org](mailto:henry@rochesterfbc.org) — or just show up! Come and sing with us!!

**Music Program Updates:** August 27 will be Henry's first Sunday with us, and we look forward to welcoming him to FBCR! We are grateful to Sam Baker for his support as interim director last spring and welcome him back for another season as our wonderful organist. Section Leaders will return in full on September 10, with two special solo Sundays leading up to that date:

August 27 - Andrew Miller (Tenor Section Leader)

September 3 – Konstantina Gotouhidis (new Soprano Section Leader)

# INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

**Book Club: Tuesday, August 22.** 11:30 AM. Book for discussion is *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor. Bring your lunch. Beverages will be provided.

**OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors):** Thursday, Aug. 17 with chair exercise at 11:30 AM; lunch at 12:15 PM; and at 12:30 PM a program. This week we welcome back our medical expert, Dan Novack to answer your Medical Questions and Concerns. 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).

**Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** Our next Mission Project will be to build twin and bunk beds for an organization called *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* who's motto is *No Child Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town* (Greater Rochester Area). We will sign up for a 2-hour shift to build beds to work on **Saturday, September 9th** at the Macedon Lowes. You DO NOT need any construction experience to volunteer!

Also, we will be collecting donations of twin sized comforter sets or "bed-in-a-bag" sets for children, tweens, and teens. You can also donate new blankets (purchased or homemade). No **pillows or sheets sets** needed at this time! These items will be collected and displayed at the front of the church as they are collected.

Go to [www.rochesterfbc.org/connections](http://www.rochesterfbc.org/connections) for details, bedding wish lists, and more.

**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?" No talent to share? No worries, just come and enjoy in the fun evening.

**Save the Date.** Join us on **Friday Evening, October 20th at 7:00 PM** for *Installation in a New Key: A Musical Welcome* as First Rochester introduces Joanne and Henry to the Greater Rochester Community. Invite your friends!

**The Church has a used piano (Ed Wing hall) and small organ (Rm. 14)** for anyone who would like one. Please see Dick or Janet if you are interested.

**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).