

WORSHIP OF GOD | 13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | August 27, 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 | Welcome Henry Griffin, music director

**Prelude** 

Prelude and Fugue in C

J. G. Albrechtsberger

Chiming of the Hour

**Gathering Music** 

Der Gute Hirte

Schubert

Translation:

Why are you troubled? Be calm, my soul!

For God is a good shepherd; even if I am not suffering He will let me want for nothing.

He feeds me in flower-filled meadows,
He leads me to fresh waters,
and in the cool dew
brings me to safe evening rest.

He does not cease to protect me lovingly, in shade from the heat of day, in His bosom from tempests and from the rage of black evil.

Even when He leads me through dark vales, or through the wilderness, I shall fear nothing; at my side walks the faithful Shepherd.

But I will praise Him and thank Him!
I shall hold fast to my Shepherd,
and my faith shall never waver
when all else forsakes me.

Welcome

Christopher Oaks

Call to Worship

Evann Hasenauer

One: God has set this day before us,

Many: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

One: God has set our lives before us,

Many: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

One: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

Many: So that we might live fully in deep love.

One: Let us worship God.

Many: Amen.

\*Hymn 67

Come, Ye That Love the Lord

I. Watts, A. Williams

**Hebrew Scriptures** 

Exodus 1:6-22

Evann Hasenauer

**Morning Prayer** 

Evann Hasenauer

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

Lord's Prayer

**Special Music** 

\*Hymn 419

A Morning Hymn

Purcell/Britten

Children's Time

My Faith Looks Up To Thee

R. Palmer, L. Mason

Evann Hasenauer

**Hebrew Scriptures** 

Exodus 2: 1-10

Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Sermon

Power and Subterfuge

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.

Music in Response

Prayer

Jean Langlais

## \*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** 

Evann Hasenauer

#### **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.

\*Closing Hymn 716 God Be With You J. Rankin, W. Tomer

Benediction

Postlude I Can Only Imagine B. Millard

Thank you to those participating in today's service including: Katie Jo Suddaby, guest preacher; Evann Hasenauer, reader, student pastor; Christopher Oaks, welcome; Bob McDonald and Richard Wien ushers; Susen and Scott McClellan, and Janet Richardson, tech team; and our musicians: Andrew Miller, tenor, Samuel Baker, organ, Henry Griffin, piano, music director.

# 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 — or just show up! Come and sing with us!!

Our Music Program: It is Henry's first Sunday with us! Welcome Henry! We look forward to your time leading the music and worshipping with us at FBCR! Hello again, Andrew. Welcome back to another season. We look forward to hearing your voice as our tenor section leader and being part of our community. Next week on September 3, we will welcome our new soprano section leader, Konstantina Gotouhidis. And as always, we appreciate Samuel Baker, our organist. Thank you all for enriching our worship experience.

\*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.

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 <u>rochesterfbc.org/guest.</u>

Would 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 needed for September and October and we need Usher help from September 20 through the month of October. Thanks for signing up!

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.

# Invitation to Mission and Ministry

**OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors):** Thursday, August 31, we will begin with chair exercise at 11:30 AM; lunch at 12:15 PM; and at 12:30 PM a program. This week we bring *good news or story to share* and add to Kandee's collection. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at (585) 520-6948 or email her at *kandeetabor@gmail.com*.

Just one more Sunday to receive your twin-sized comforter sets or "bed-in-abag" sets for children, tweens, and teens for our Mission Project with *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. You can also donate new blankets (purchased or homemade). No pillows or sheets sets needed at this time! These items will be displayed at the front of the church as they are collected and will be accepted until September 8.

On September 9, several people from the church will meet at Macedon Lowes for a Build Day helping others in the community build bunk and twin beds to help insure that *No Child Sleeps on the Floor in Our Town* (Greater Rochester Area). You DO NOT need any construction experience to volunteer!

Go to www.rochesterfbc.org/connections for details, wish lists, and more.

We are accepting OGHS donations for Maui. OGHS offers immediate need to disaster areas and they are mobilizing to respond to the devastating wildfires. You may contribute to this 100% pass-through offering by placing OGHS-Maui in the memo line of your check.

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. Sign Up at the Vitality Table.

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 entrance) and small organ (Rm. 14) for anyone who would like one. Please let us know if you are interested in either.

A new website will be launched in mid-September. Watch for more details as the launch draws near.

For the latest news and information, please go to our website to the *FBCR Connections* page at <u>www.rochesterfbc.org/connections</u>.