



WORSHIP OF GOD | JUBILEE SUNDAY | September 17, 2023

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, New York 14618

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Henry Griffin, music director**



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.

Thank you to those participating in today's service including: David Hood, reader; Bob McDonald and Richard Wien ushers; Oliver Hood, Susen and Scott McClellan, and Janet Richardson, tech team; and our musicians: guest pianist, Cooper Labinger; the FBCR Adult Choir with section leaders: Konstantina Gotouhidis, soprano; Emma Unkrich, alto; Andrew Miller, tenor; and Jack O'Leary, bass; Samuel Baker, organist; and Henry Griffin, music director.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Meditation for the Care of the Earth* David Maxwell

Chiming of the Hour

For Reflection While Gathering

***“Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;
Soon you will be at home in a new rhythm,
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.”***

For a New Beginning, To Bless the Space Between Us, John O’Donohue

Gathering Music *Look At The World* John Rutter
The FBCR Choir; Cooper Labinger, piano; Henry Griffin, director

Welcome Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Call to Worship David Hood

One: In Leviticus 25:10 we read these words, “It shall be a Jubilee for you: you shall return every one of you, to your property, and every one of you, to your family.”

All: **We celebrate together on this our Jubilee Sunday our return from vacations and cottages from lands faraway, to our church family and to our faith home.**

One: We give thanks—For the summer that has passed. For fun times, and rest times, and times of play

All: **For water and beaches and families gathered. For trips and new discoveries of people, animals, and plants. We give You thanks.**

One: We come together in a new way, renewed, full of hope, eager to serve.

All: **We celebrate this Jubilee as we worship You, Oh God.**

***Hymn 30** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* C. F. Alexandar,
English Melody

The Psalms *Psalm 96* David Hood

Morning Prayer

Evann Hasenauer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Special Music

As the Rain

John Ness Beck

Children's Time

David Hood

***Hymn 31**

I Sing The Almighty Power of God

I. Watts,
Gesanghuch der
H. W. K. Hofkapelle

Hebrew Scriptures

Genesis 2:4-10, and 15

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert Cannon

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

The Keepers of the Garden

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A Litany For Creation

One: We recognize with deep concern the crisis of our planet. We now confess O God, that we have taken our job as caretakers of the garden less than seriously.

All: Have mercy on us O God.

One: For our inaction in caring for the air, waters, land, people, animals, and insects, we seek Your forgiveness. O Lord, hear our prayer.

All: We confess we have not valued Your garden, the air which sustains breath; the water, the drink of life; nor the land with its soil that provides food for all living creatures.

One: We confess that we have turned Your diverse, interconnected Eden into manipulated growing fields of exploitation of land and water and people. We have dominated and enslaved our Black and Brown sisters and brothers for cheap crops and goods, which continues today.

**congregation sings*

All: Free us O Lord, from the gods of greed, wealth and private property and the heresy of believing that what we own is ours to use or abuse and not Yours to respect, share, and give away for the benefit and blessing of all.

One: Free us from the idols of comfort and ease, of speed and productivity that lead us to violate relationships and ignore the needs of the earth and each other.

All: Hear us, O God of Life, that we may have the strength of will and character to build community and the humility to learn to rely on one another, especially listening to our young, our poor, and those who have been most often silenced, we pray. May we become models of leadership in our own communities and mighty advocates for the generations that follow us, we pray. Amen.

(Adapted from The “Great Litany of Creation” by Rev. M. L. Hildebrant,
Book of Common Prayer, Episcopal Church)

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 Capriccio in G minor, Op. 116 No. 3 Johannes
Cooper Labinger, piano Brahms

***Doxology 688** *We Give Thee But Thine Own* W. How; Mason &
Webb’s *Cantica Laudis*

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.

***Closing Hymn #40** *For the Beauty of the Earth* F. Pierpoint, C. Kocher

Benediction

Postlude *At the River* A. Copland,
arr. R. Wilding-White

**congregation sings*

INVITATION TO MIS

Welcome to Jubilee Sunday. Today kicks off our new education and program season. We hope you will join us in many of the exciting things we offer throughout the year..

Today during our Invitation to Mission and Ministry we will offer a brief overview of **our website** and the sharing of other ways we are **reaching out to the community**.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors): Thursday, September 14, we will begin with chair exercise at 11:30 AM; lunch at 12:15 PM; and at 12:30 PM a program. This week Navigating Urgent Care with Dan Nowak, Strong Memorial Hospital Emergency Department Director of Patient Experience. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at (585) 520-6948 or email her at kandeetabor@gmail.com.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace—Mission Project - collecting bedding with a fun twin bed build day! Fourteen volunteers worked for 2 hours+, and together we delivered 10 Comforter Sets; 6 Blankets; 5 Sheet Sets; and 11 Bedding Sets with Comforter, Sham, Sheets, and Pillowcases to SHP on Saturday, September 9 from 1-3 PM. Well done FBCR!

Book Club: Our book for Tuesday, September 26, 11:30 AM—1:00 PM, is *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson. You may bring your lunch and beverages will be provided. There will be good discussion and time together. As we look ahead to our October 24 gathering, 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.

Wednesday Study begins on September 20 with *Summer Tales and Pictures*. If you have pictures to share of trips, events, family, and friends you can send them to janet@rocheterfbc.org to be placed in a slide show to share with those on campus and on Zoom.

Please sign up today for our Pasta Dinner and Talent Show. On Friday evening, September 29, the church family and friends are invited to gather together for an intergenerational fellowship event with the meal beginning at 5:45 PM and available until at least 6:30 PM. 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 your magic tricks, vocal cords, instruments, your paintings or any other talent you would like to share. This is a fun and chill evening. No talent to share? No worries, just come and enjoy in the fun. Please sign up.

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SION AND MINISTRY

Atonement Lutheran Church will have a Chicken Dinner, next Saturday, September 23, from 4:30 PM until they run out where all proceeds will go to support the Brighton Coalition of Churches' (of which we are a part) next build. Help them support this build and take an evening off from cooking. The meal consists of Chicken, coleslaw, beans, and roll at a cost of \$15.00.

Wednesday Book Study begins September 27. Our first book study of this season will be *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters--and How to Talk About It* by Krista Tippett from NPR. Tippett is an intelligent and insightful commentators 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. If you are interested in a book, please sign up on the Vitality Table in the hallway.

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 Pastor Joanne and Henry to the Greater Rochester Community. This event will feature great music, scripture and prose from an array of musicians with differing musical talents. 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!

Thanks for signing up for Sunday help! There are still a few slots which we need filled and we do appreciate those who did sign up. Still seeking substitute ushers for the end of September through the end of October.

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.

The Church has a used small organ (Rm. 14) for anyone who would like one. Please let us know if you are interested.

For the latest news and information go to rochesterfbc.org/connections/

