

Redemption Across the Lines

Lessons From
THE BOOK OF

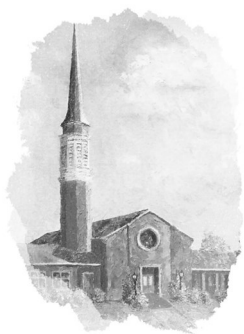
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WORSHIP OF GOD | 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | OCTOBER 22, 2023

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, New York 14618

**Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Evann Hasenauer, student pastor
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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

*Aria and Minuet on
"Come Thou Almighty King"*
Samuel Baker, organist

arr. Albert Travis

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Music

*My song shall always
be of the loving-kindness*

Godfrey Sampson

Konstantina Gotouhidis, soprano; Emma Unkrich, alto; Andrew Miller, tenor;
Jack O'Leary, bass; Samuel Baker, organist; and Henry Griffin, music director.

Welcome

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Call to Worship

Jean Garling

Leader: Gather us in, Mysterious Maker God

**All: That being close to you we will understand Your intention
for creation.**

Leader: Weave us into one, Sweet Savior of All.

**All: That living Your ways we will create communities of faith
and peace**

Leader: Gather us in, Powerful Spirit of Renewal.

All: That treasuring the past we will boldly shape the future.

Leader: Weave us into one, Holy One in Three.

**All: That women and men together may be the signs of Your
presence, the weavers of Your communities and the
witnesses to Your coming. Gather us in this day so that we
might gather strength from You. Amen.**

(<https://thirdmill.org/files/english/html/worship/calls.contemp.html>)

Hymn 496

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elisha A. Hoffman
Anthony J. Showalter

**congregation sings*

Epistle Reading	<i>1 John 4:7-19</i>	Jean Garling
Morning Prayer		Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Sharing our Joys and Concerns		
Pastoral Prayer		
Lord's Prayer		
Special Music	<i>Music for Meditation</i> Henry Griffin, piano.	H. Griffin
Children's Time		Evann Hasenauer
*Hymn 358	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	Charles Wesley John Zundel
Hebrew Scriptures	<i>Ruth 4:7-10 (NIV)</i>	In Unison
<p>⁷ (Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.) ⁸ So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal. ⁹ Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰ I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!"</p>		
Scripture Continued	<i>Ruth 4: 1-21</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert Cannon
Prayer for Illumination		
Sermon	<i>Redemption Across the Lines</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert Cannon

continued

**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.

Music in Response

Rondeau
(The Gordian Knot Untied)
Samuel Baker, organist

Henry Purcell

Doxology 359

Give Thanks

H. Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, The Son. (Repeat)
And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)
Give Thanks.

Prayer of Dedication

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 464

*May the Mind Of Christ,
My Savior*

Kate B. Williamson
A. Cyril Barham-Gould

Benediction

Postlude

St. Anthony Chorale
Samuel Baker, organist

F. J. Hayden

INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

Thank you to those participating in today's service including: Jean Garling, reader; Bob McDonald usher; Oliver Hood, Susen and Scott McClellan, Janet Richardson, and Glenn Stahl, tech team; and our musicians: section leaders Konstantina Gotouhidis, soprano; Emma Unkrich, alto; Andrew Miller, tenor; Jack O'Leary, bass; Samuel Baker, organist; and Henry Griffin, piano, music director.

What a wonderful night we had on Friday, October 20th, at 7:00 PM for *Installation in a New Key: A Musical Welcome*. There was joy, music, prose, dance, and beautiful voice and instruments. Thank you to everyone who joined in the celebration.

Wednesday Study—Poetry with Rev. Dr. Lauren Ng. Rescheduled from last spring. Join us this Wednesday, October 25, and the following two: November 1, and November 8 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 at janet@rochesterfbc.org. We do have a few slots available.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors): On Thursday, October 26, we will spend time with Dr. Kenneth Dodgson as he shares *30 Years in India: How did it come to be?* A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at (585) 520-6948 or email her at kandeetabor@gmail.com.

From the Music Director: Please join us for upcoming music program events including “Super Choral Sunday” on October 29 featuring the First Rochester Choir, section leaders, and children’s choir, and a special Jazz ’n Jeans worship service on November 12!

Also, Handbells in worship are coming up! Please join us for our first handbell rehearsal, Wednesday, October 25, 7:15-7:45 PM in the sanctuary - all are invited to participate! - Henry

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 and light refreshment to provide to the community a safe and fun *treat* experience from the *trunks* of our vehicles.

INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

Wednesday Book Study on *Speaking of Faith: Why Religion Matters--and How to Talk About It* by Krista Tippett, commentator from NPR is on hold until **November 15** when we will discuss **Chapter 5** and then following Thanksgiving week break, on **November 29** when we will discuss **Chapter 6**.

Do you love to read? Are you interested in learning more about faith, various religions, get an opinion from a new author, or read a recent fiction title? Numerous books were dropped at the church during and post-pandemic. More were donated than our library is able to hold. A few gracious and learned volunteers went through the stacks and stacks and determined those which would fit best into the library's registry. Others—perfectly good and interesting books—are awaiting a new owner. Browse through them and take any you wish. We do ask that if you feel inclined to donate them when you finish reading them you consider donating any you take to your local library or possibly sharing them with a friend. We wish you happy reading!

The December sign up sheet is now on the Vitality Table. So that a variety of people may lend their voice in worship, please limit your scripture reading to every other month. We thank you. We are still seeking usher help. If you are willing, please let us know in the church office or on the Vitality Table.

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.

Knitters, crocheters, and anyone who works with yarn. Many skeins were found in the supply closets as they were combined and organized. These were possibly donated over the years, left behind by facility users, or used for previous classroom or VBS projects. If you would like to help yourself to some of this yarn, please do so. We would like to see it used instead of sitting idle in our supplies. You will find it under the Vitality Table.

For the latest news and events, please go to our website on the *Connections* page at www.rochesterfbc.org/news-and-events/



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

For Cameron Community Ministries

Canned and Dry Goods for a Thanksgiving Meal

Canned Yams	Instant Mashed Potatoes
Canned String Beans	Cornbread Mix
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Pie Crust Mix
Bag of Fried Onions	Canned Pie Fillings
Cranberry Sauce	Canned/Jarred Apples
Canned Gravy or Mix	Canned Pumpkin
Canned/Jarred Beets	Pumpkin Spice
Canned Corn	Evaporated Milk
Canned Peas	Canned Ham
Canned Creamed Corn	Dry Pastas (Macaroni)
Stuffing Mix	

**** No Fresh Items Please ****

Instead, please purchase \$25 gift cards for Fresh Meats, Produce, Dairy, or Bread from Wegmans, Tops, or Aldis.