



# " FOLLOW ME "

*John 1:43*

**WORSHIP OF GOD | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | JANUARY 14, 2024**  
**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**  
175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, New York 14618  
Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor  
Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

**Prelude**

*O Christ, thou Lamb of God*  
Samuel Baker, organ

H. Walcha

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Music for Gathering**

*from Oratorio de Noël*  
(sung in Latin)

Camille Saint-Saëns

*Lord, I have believed that you are the Son of the living God.  
Christ, Son of God, who came into this world.*  
Andrew Miller, tenor; Samuel Baker, organ

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Rev. Kenneth McCarthy

One: God asks, "Will you come and follow me?"

All: **Just call my name.**

One: "Will you go where you don't feel comfortable?"

All: **Just call my name.**

One: "Are you willing to be changed for my sake?"

All: **Just call my name.**

One: "Will you allow my light to be shown in you?"

All: **Just call my name.**

One: Today we listen for the call to discipleship for a New Year.

All: **Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn 100**

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* J. Ellor, E. Perronet

**Hebrew Scripture**

*John 1:29-39*

Rev. Kenneth McCarthy

**Morning Prayer**

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day  
our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is  
the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*\*congregation sings*

**Sacred Song**

Dale Wood

*Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.*

*No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
nor mem'ry find a sweeter sound than thy blest Name,  
O Savior of mankind!*

*O hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
to those who fall, how kind thou art, how good to those who seek!  
But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.*

*Jesus, our only Joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be:  
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and for eternity.*

—Bernard of Clairvaux; tr. Edward Caswell

Andrew Miller, tenor; Samuel Baker, organ

**Children's Time**

Pastor Joanne

**\*Hymn 383**

*If My People's Hearts are Humbled*

Leavitt's *The Christian Lyre*

**Scripture**

*John 1:40-52*

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

*Discerning Discipleship*

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**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/give/](http://rochesterfbc.org/give/).

**Music in Response**

*Lamb of God, without blemish*

J. S. Bach

**Offertory**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

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 581**

*Called as Partners  
In Christ's Service*

J. P. Huber,  
John Zundel

### Benediction

**Postlude**

*Sortie*

René Quignard

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**Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service** including: Rev. Kenneth McCarthy, reader; Bob McDonald and Richard Wien, ushers; our tech team: Todd Haefele, Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Andrew Miller, tenor; Samuel Baker, organ.

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***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.***

# INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

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**We're delighted you've joined us in worship today.** If you are new to First Rochester's worship, would you consider letting us know? We would love to get to know you better. We hope you will trust us with your contact information so we may connect with you. Please either sign the book in the narthex, complete the card found in the small pocket in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or go to [rochesterfbc.org/guestbook/](http://rochesterfbc.org/guestbook/) to leave us your name and contact information.

**Annual Meeting, January 21.** The First Baptist Church and Society of Rochester, New York will hold its Annual Congregational Meeting on January 21 immediately following worship. Votes will take place on Trustees: Sharon Hamann and Mark Harnischfeger; the officers and delegates; the Pastoral Assistant position; and the 2024 Budget.

**OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors):** On Thursday, January 18, OWLS will gather for the topic of Sri Lanka—"somewhere warm," with ***Sri Lanka—Facts and Trivia***. Exercise begins at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kande Tabor at her email [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com) or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

**Zoom check-in** is every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. We hope to see you there.

**Wednesday Study will resume on January 31, 2024.** For two weeks we will reflect on the Theology of Atonement with two readings from the book: *Saving Paradise, How Christianity Traded Love of this World for Crucifixion and Empire* by Rita Hakashima Brock and Rebecca Ann Parker. Please email Joanne at [joanne@rochesterfbc.org](mailto:joanne@rochesterfbc.org) if you plan to participate so the articles can be sent to you in advance.

**Save the Date for February 4, 2024.** Following worship and brief beverage/restroom break, First Rochester will hold their annual **Section Leader Concert** in the sanctuary. After the concert we ask everyone to join us for a potluck lunch and time of community in Hubbell Hall.

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

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**A Time of Remembrance for Barbara Dinse.** After speaking with her family, I have learned that no services are planned for her. Her desire was to be remembered for her contributions to science and she has been faithful in that last final act of giving her body to the University of Rochester Medical School. We commemorate this unselfish gift.

It is important however, to celebrate the life of Barbara Dinse within this community, and so with the permission of her daughter Carol, we will have a time within our worship service on January 28 to do that. You are invited to share your remembrances of her life among us. We will have a Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving for her life. If you have a brief story, or a memory of your relationship with Barb, please let me know by phone/text (cell 585-455-1842) or email ([joanne@rochesterfbc.org](mailto:joanne@rochesterfbc.org)) so that we can include you in this brief memorial service within our worship.

**First Rochester is a praying community.** Through prayer, we connect with each other and God sharing our joys and concerns. Due to the private nature of prayers requests, we have had a password-protected page on our website (the old and the new site). Each has been problematic for both congregants and staff. We have decided to take a different approach to our notification system which will be implemented soon. If you are an active church participant or member and would like to receive a weekly prayer update by email, we ask that you follow the link below and complete a very short sign-up. Soon we will begin sending an email with the prayer requests shared in worship and others shared with permission. Thank you for your patience as we transition to this new system.

**Worship Readers and Ushers needed.** Please sign up at the Vitality Table in the Hallway to read in worship or to serve as an usher.

**FBCR Book Club will meet on January 23 at 11:30 AM.** Please bring your recommendations of books for the group to read in the coming year. Also, we will be sharing books which we enjoyed reading over the holidays. You may bring your own lunch, beverage will be available.

**Green Tip of the Week:** When fishermen in Asia pull in their nets, they get 60% fish and 40% plastic. Why? Because as demand for fossil fuel declines, oil and gas companies are marketing more single use plastics to poor countries that don't