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has come near;  
repent, and believe in the

**GOOD NEWS**

MARK 1:15

**WORSHIP OF GOD | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | JANUARY 21, 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**

*A Mighty Fortress is our God*  
Samuel Baker, organ

D. Buxtehude

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Music for Gathering**

Henry Griffin, piano

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Carol Stahl

One: We come to you, God, praying for unity among God's people.

**All: Help us to answer the call of your son Jesus the Christ.**

One: Strengthen our resolve to move past our differences.

**All: Let us remember your message of hope that we share.**

One: May we be encouraged to examine our call to follow You.

**All: May we join with all Christians everywhere lifting up Your name in praise and prayer. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 657**

*He Has Made Me Glad*  
(please sing through 2 times)

L. Von Brethorst

**Hebrew Scripture**

*Psalm 62:1-8*

Carol Stahl

**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.*

**Special Music**

*Shed a Little Light*

James Taylor  
arr. Greg Jasperse

Section Leaders: Naomi Chadd, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo; Andrew Miller, tenor;  
Ashton Rappapp, baritone; Doleen Hood, piano; Henry Griffin, director

**Children's Time**

Pastor Joanne

**\*Hymn 426**

*Blessed Assurance*

F. J. Crosby, P. P. Knapp

**Scripture**

*Mark 1:14-28*

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

*Good News*

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**

*Here I Am, Lord (Send Me)*

Janet Linker

**Offertory**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

Cantica Laudis

**We give thee but thine own, what'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 469**

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

H. E. Fosdick, J. Hughes

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*If you will trust in God to guide you*

J. S. Bach

# INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

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**Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service** including: Carol Stahl, reader; Bob McDonald and Richard Wien, ushers; our tech team: Wesley Selleck, apprentice; Oliver Hood; Scott and Susen McClellan; Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Naomi Chadd, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Doleen Hood, piano; Samuel Baker, organ, Henry Griffin, piano, director.

**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 today following worship.**

**FBCR Book Club will meet on Tuesday, 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.

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

**OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors):** On Thursday, January 25, OWLS will gather for the topic of Sri Lanka—"somewhere warm," with ***Sri Lanka—Review Quizzes***. Exercise begins at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at her email [kandee-tabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandee-tabor@gmail.com) or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

**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.

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**Save the Date for February 4, 2024** for the Section Leader Recital - a Musical Theater Showcase this year! Following worship and a brief beverage break, join us in the sanctuary for this special performance. After the recital, there will be a potluck lunch and time of community in Hubbell Hall. Please sign up at the Vitality Table with the number attending and food item to share, if you are able.

**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 go to the Connections page (news and events) on our website to complete a very short sign-up. Thank you for your patience as we transition to this new system.

**Worship Readers and Ushers needed in February.** Please sign up at the Vitality Table in the Hallway if you are able to help.

**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/).