



And he went throughout Galilee,

*proclaiming
the message.*

MARK 1:39, NRSV

WORSHIP OF GOD | COMMUNION SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 4, 2024

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

175 Allens Creek Road, Rochester, New York 14618

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant

Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude *Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that holy things have taken.* Leo Sowerby
Samuel Baker, organ

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Gathering *Built on a Rock* Jay Althouse
First Rochester Choir; Samuel Baker, organ; Henry Griffin, director

Welcome

Call to Worship Eliecia Young

One: Search us O God and know our hearts.

All: Test us and know our thoughts.

One: See if there is any way in us that leads us from You.

All: Meet us here and lead us as we go, into Your perfect way.

One: Let us worship God together.

***Hymn 590** *Rise Up O Saints of God* N. O Forness
W. H. Walter

Hebrew Scriptures *Psalm 147:1-11, 20* Eliecia Young

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*

Special Music

We Shall Overcome Rev. Charles Albert Tindley
First Rochester Children's Choir;
Henry Griffin, piano; Savannah Heximer, coordinator

Children's Time

Pastor Joanne

*Hymn 700

Now the Silence

J. J. Vajda
C. F. Schalk

Scripture

Mark 1:29-39

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Church

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/.

Prayer of Dedication

Music in Response

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Marcel Dupré

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Elicia Young, assisting

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Unison Prayer

Dear God, Paul teaches us that as the body is one with many members, so it is that by God's Spirit we were baptized into One Body. As one body we are invited to gather around Your table, to celebrate Your love for us, to confess our sin and to be anointed and reunited in Your grace. Through this bread and cup may we realize once again, Your call to be Your church, Your body in this world. Amen.

The Great Feast

We observe an open communion. Everyone is invited to come forward to share in the Lord's Table. If that is difficult for you, let someone around you know and it will be brought to you.

Benediction

Parting Music

Blest Be The Tie That Binds
Samuel Baker, organ

arr. L. Mason

*Blessed be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.*

Please stand and join hands.



Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service including: Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant - reader, and communion assistant; Bob McDonald and Gene Tiesler, ushers; our tech team: Wesley Selleck, apprentice; Oliver Hood; Scott and Susen McClellan; Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: First Rochester Children's Choir, Savannah White Heximer, coordinator; First Rochester Choir with section leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ, Henry Griffin, music director.

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/ to leave us your name and contact information.



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.

Our Retired Ministers and Missionaries special offering will still receive your generous support today. Please consider your gift for those who have served others in their faith journey. Envelopes are in the pews.

Join us after worship and a 10-15 minute beverage break for the Section Leader Recital - A Musical Theater Showcase! After the recital, everyone should gather in Hubbell Hall for our potluck lunch and time of community. Please join us!

Office closed on Mondays, February 5 and February 19. Due to time off on February 5 and Presidents day on February 19, the church office will be closed.

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Wednesday Study continues on February 7, 2024. We will reflect on the Theology of Atonement with our second reading 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 if you plan to participate so the articles can be sent to you in advance. On-campus fellowship and Zoom check-in begins at 5:30PM.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): On Thursday, February 8, OWLS will host a *Resources for Seniors Fair*, from 12:00 to 1:30 PM in Hubbell Hall. A variety of vendors and finger foods will be here! Chair exercise begins at 11:30 AM with snacks and program afterwards. Donations welcome. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at her email kandeetabor@gmail.com or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 14 at 6:30 PM. Join us for this contemplative prayer service to begin our Lenten Journey. We will gather in the chapel and on Zoom.

All are invited to join us as we read *Where We Meet*, a daily devotional for Lent, immersing us in the stories of Jesus and the early church, exploring the authors' stories, addressing difficult questions, and dreaming about a brighter future for the church. Be challenged not only to think through questions posed within the book, but also to follow in Jesus' footsteps, pursuing justice and love for all. Study discussion will begin on 2/21—5:30PM Bring your own meal (if you wish) and fellowship with us; 6PM Study in the Chapel and on Zoom! Sign up in the Garden Room.

View from cameras in worship. Did you know that the cameras in worship and the viewing of our service is a closed loop for worship participants only? We do post the sermons on our website featuring our Pastor or guest preacher for the day. Any time a member of the congregation is seen, they are seen only by our congregation worshipping with us on campus and on Zoom.

Worship Readers and Ushers needed in March and April. Please sign up at the table in the Garden Room.

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