



Owe no one  
anything,  
except to

Love

each other ...




Romans

WORSHIP OF GOD | FEBRUARY 25, 2024

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Jiabao Guo, director | Samuel Baker, organist



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude**

*Passacaglia*  
Samuel Baker, organ

David Hurd ☩

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Gathering Music**

*Amazing Grace*  
Jiabao Guo, piano

John Newton

**Welcome**

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Call to Worship**

Chelsea & George Haefele

One: God gives power to the faint and increases the strength of the weak.

**All: Even the young person can be sick and tired.**

One: But those who wait on God shall be refreshed and renewed.

**All: They shall get up as if they had wings.**

One: They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**All: Therefore, let us praise our Creator God together.**

**\*Hymn 569**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Harry Fosdick,  
John Hughes

**Scriptures**

*Ecclesiastes 7:10-25*

Chelsea Haefele

**Morning Prayer**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

*\*congregation sings*

☩ see insert

## 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**      *Ave Verum Corpus (Hail, True Body)*      Edward Elgar

First Rochester Choir with Section Leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano, Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ; Jiabao Guo, director

Translation:

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:

Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

**Children's Time**      Pastor Eliecia

**\*Hymn 470**      *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*      John Whittier  
Frederick Maker

**Scripture**      *Romans 13:7-10*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**      *But... what does a faith community look like?*      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**      *If you will trust in God to guide you*      Mark Fax✠

*\*congregation sings*  
✠ see insert

**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.**

### Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, we are grateful for the opportunity to gather here in worship. Let us never take that for granted. Accept these offerings as a symbol of our gratitude and our recognition of our reliance on You. Hear our prayer, O God, for we offer it in the name of Your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

### 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 462

*Renew Your Church*

K. Cober, *The Sacred Heart*

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Rigaudon*

André Campra

Samuel Baker, organ

**Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service** including: Chelsea and George Haefele, reader; Bob McDonald and Gene Tiesler, ushers; Flora and Jack Holt, fellowship time; our tech team: Wesley Selleck, apprentice; Oliver Hood; Scott and Susen McClellan; Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: First Rochester Choir with Section Leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ, Jiabao Guo, director.

### **\*\*Royalties for Spirituals✦**

*Whenever we sing or play a Spiritual or work by an African-American composer in worship, a special offering to cover the royalties never collected on numerous works over the years is taken then forwarded to the William Warfield Scholarship Fund at Eastman School of Music. This fund is "dedicated to providing financial support and encouragement for African American students seeking to attain success in the field of classical vocal music." The fund is in the memory of singer, actor, music educator, and Rochester's own William Warfield. Please place RFS in the memo line of your check. Learn more at [www.rochesterfbc.org/spirituals/](http://www.rochesterfbc.org/spirituals/).*

# 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.



***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.***

## **MUSIC NOTES FROM SAM:**

✠As this year's *Black History Month* comes to a close, I call your attention to two men: Mark Fax and David Hurd. *(Please also note Royalties for Spirituals\*\* pg. 4)*

**Mark Fax** (1911–1974) was a native of Baltimore. He received a Bachelor of Music degree in piano from Syracuse University and a Master of Music degree in composition from the Eastman School of Music. Fax joined the faculty at Howard University in 1947, eventually becoming Director of the School of Music. He has composed for many musical media, including piano, chorus, chamber ensemble, orchestra, and Fax has three operas to his credit.

**David Hurd** (born 1950) is a composer, concert organist, choral director, and educator. He holds degrees from Oberlin Conservatory, UNC Chapel Hill, and Yale University. Hurd currently serves as Director of Music of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin (Times Square), and since 1976 has served as Professor of Church Music and Organist at General Theological Seminary. His many awards and achievements are too numerous to mention here. David Hurd is one of the world's most visible and successful proponents of the organ and sacred music.

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**Immediately following worship** and a short time of refreshment, our parents will gather in the Koinonia Room. A Sermon Talkback will be held in the Chapel, while our kids are invited to stay for music time in the Choir room. Then we can all connect together –bring your own lunch and join ***The Lunch Club (TLC)*** every Sunday after second hour in Hubbell Hall! All are invited!

**High 5 for Cameron - 5 weeks of giving some multiple of \$5.** We ask that you challenge yourself to do a little extra this season of Lent for Cameron Community Ministries (CCM). Together we can make a difference by giving to ***High 5 for Cameron***. For the **five (5) Sundays of Lent**, we ask you to make a commitment to give **weekly** any increment of **5** - \$5, \$15, \$50, \$250 - to the ongoing work of CCM. Considering the recent county's hold on grant funding for our underserved neighbors, these extra funds will help carry them through until the grants are reinstated. What can you give each week? Can you stretch yourself a little through Lent? Make your commitment and give generously. Use **High 5** on check or online!

**“Spotlight” on CCM’s Lunch Program.** Cameron serves a free hot lunch Monday-Friday 12:00 to 1:30 PM to its neighbors, serving over 20,000 nutritious and filling meals with fresh fruits and vegetables annually.

**OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors):** On **Thursday, February 29**, their program will be ***Sing Along with Bangers and Mash, celebrating the extra calendar day***. Chair exercise begins at 11:30AM with lunch and program at 12:15PM. A \$10 donation is appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at her email [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com) or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

**All are invited to join our Wednesday discussions on *Where We Meet***, a daily devotional book (also in the daily email), that asks thought-provoking questions. Immersed in the stories of Jesus and the early church, various authors’ stories, difficult questions, and dreams of a brighter future for the church, we will be challenged to think through those questions posed, but also to follow in Jesus’ footsteps, pursuing justice and love for all. Study discussion through Lent will be every Wednesday at 6PM in the chapel or on Zoom. Join in fellowship and bring your own meal at 5:30 PM.

**FBCR Book Club** reading for February 27 is *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Gathering at 11:30 AM for fellowship and we will begin our book discussion at noon. Bring a lunch if that’s your choice - a beverage will be provided.

**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/).