

WORSHIP OF GOD | MARCH 3, 2024
First Rochester | An American Baptist Church
175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | rochesterfbc.org
Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Rev. Keith Harrington, communion
Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant | Jiabao Guo, director | Samuel Baker, organist

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude Pastorale: God is here! Joel Martinson

Samuel Baker, organ

Chiming of the Hour

Gathering Music Improv on "The Christian Life" Charles Hubert

Jiabao Guo, piano Hastings Parry

Welcome Rev. Joanne

Gilbert-Cannon

Call to Worship Rev. Keith Harrington

One: My Friends, what does God require of us?

All: To do justice, to love kindness, and to live in humility before God.

One: My friends, what does Jesus require of us?

All: To love our neighbor as ourselves and to love God with all our

heart.

One: Let us love God in worship.

\*Hymn 320 Alleluia Sing to Jesus Wm. C. Dix,

arr. Ralph V. Williams

Scriptures Psalm 19 Rev. Keith Harrington

**Morning Prayer** 

**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**

Ave Verum Corpus

William Byrd

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

Children's Time

Pastor Eliecia

\*Hymn 665

Break Now the Bread of Life

M. A. Lathbury, Wm F Sherman

Scripture

John 2:13-22

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Sermon

Angry Jesus

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

Toccata

J. Pachelbel

Response

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon Rev. Keith Harrington

Invitation to the Table

**Words of Institution** 

Prayer

The Great Feast

First Rochester observes an open communion. If you are able, please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. If you are not able, they can be brought to you. Please let someone near you or an usher know.

#### **Benediction**

**Parting Hymn** 

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

arr. L. Mason

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

Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service including: Rev. Keith Harrington, communion assistant, reader; Bob McDonald and Marcia McCarthy, ushers; Carol Stahl, fellowship time; our tech team: Wesley Selleck, apprentice; Oliver Hood; Scott and Susen McClellan; Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Section Leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ, Jiabao Guo, 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 <u>rochesterfbc.org/guestbook/</u> to leave us your name and contact information.

# Invitation to Mission & Ministry

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Immediately following worship and a short time of refreshment, we will gather in the chapel for Sunday Forum. We will be screening a part of the Brené Brown's Netflix speech entitled *The Call to Courage* and discussing vulnerability and courage within relationships and how it relates to loneliness. The **TLC** (30-50's group) have an outing planned for this afternoon so *The Lunch Club* will gather for a bring your own lunch <a href="mailto:next Sunday">next Sunday</a> in Hubbell Hall following second hour programs.

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 <u>five (5) Sundays of Lent</u>, we ask you to make a commitment to give <u>weekly</u> 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 After School K-6 Programs. These programs help bridge the academic and social-emotional achievement gap that children living in poverty face. It provides the children a safe place to go after school and in the summer. Learn more about this and other programs at CCM on their website at <a href="cameroncommunity.org">cameroncommunity.org</a>.

Another way to help Cameron Community Ministries with a little time, an envelope, and a stamp. Pastor Joanne mentioned one way to help Cameron with their frozen funds situation, was to write letters to County Executive Adam Bello to release the promised grant funds. The Missions Committee has penned a sample letter to use which is available in the Narthex, the Garden Room, and on the hallway table or by request at <u>office@rochesterfbc.org</u>. Please get yours today, personalize it, and send it soon to help CCM and other community organizations get their promised funds released to support the various community programs including Cameron's Cuts.

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**OWLS** (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): On Thursday, March 7, their program will be a month of *Armchair Irish Immersion*. 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 <u>kandeetabor@gmail.com</u> 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 March 26 is Brené Brown's new book titled *Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts.* Anyone who is interested in joining us is welcome. We will gather at 11:30 AM for fellowship and we will begin our book discussion by 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 <u>www.rochesterfbc.org/news-and-events/.</u>

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