



# *Living* in the *Light*

**WORSHIP OF GOD | MARCH 10, 2024**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

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

**Jiabao Guo, substitute director | Samuel Baker, organist**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Prelude** *O God, be merciful to me* J. S. Bach  
Samuel Baker, organ

## Chiming of the Hour

**Gathering Music** *We Adore Thee, O Christ* Theodore Dubois  
arr. Charles Marshall  
First Rochester Choir; Cooper Labinger, piano; Jiabao Guo, director.

**Welcome** Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Call to Worship** JoAnn Trolley

One: You who are hungry or cold, come into the warmth of God's light.

**All: We who were lost have been found.**

One: No one stands alone, we stand together in faith.

**All: We come now to dance together in the light of God's love.**

One: Come now, all, let us celebrate the worship of God.

**\*Hymn 561** *Christ for the World We Sing* S. Wolcott,  
Felice de Giardini

**Scriptures** *Ephesians 3:1-10* JoAnn Trolley

## 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

*O Speak to Me  
of Jesus' Sorrow*

Johann Gottfried Gebhard  
arr. Karl Kroeger

Section Leaders: Hannah Webster, soprano, Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Cooper Labinger, piano; Jiabao Guo, director

## Children's Time

Eliecia Young

## \*Hymn 668

*Wonderful Words of Life*

Philip P. Bliss

## Scripture

*John 3:14-21*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Sermon

*Living In the Light*

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

*Prelude in E<sup>b</sup> major, Op. 23, No. 6* Sergei Rachmaninoff  
Cooper Labinger, piano

## Offertory 34

*Praise God*

Genevan Psalter

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## 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 273

*Jesu, Jesu,  
Fill Us with Your Love*

Tom Colvin  
Ghana folk song

## Benediction

## Postlude

*Christ, for the world we sing!*

arr. Albert Travis



**A big thank-you to Jiabao Guo** for leading the First Rochester music program so beautifully for these past five weeks. Henry returns next week, March 17, following his residency with *Opera on the James* in Lynchburg, VA.

**Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service** including: JoAnn Trolley, reader; Bob McDonald and Gene Tiesler, ushers; Betsy Vipperman, with the extended Dodgson Family, fellowship time; our tech team: Wesley Selleck, apprentice; Oliver Hood; Scott and Susen McClellan; Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Section Leaders: Helena Webster, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ, Cooper Labinger, piano; and 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 [rochesterfbc.org/guestbook/](http://rochesterfbc.org/guestbook/) to leave us your name and contact information.

# INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

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**Join us in the Garden Room for a special celebration today** immediately following worship. There will be second hour programs including TLC group in the Koinonia Room in the Education Wing, Sermon Talk back in the Chapel, and Choir for our children. Following these programs, anyone who wishes to gather for The Lunch Club, with a bring-your-own lunch, should gather in Hubbell Hall.

**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! So far we have collected **\$1,600** to help CCM keeping *Cameron Cuts* operational. Can we work hard to give a little or give a lot and double that?

**“Spotlight” on AT&T’s Digital Learning Lab at Cameron.** AT&T, the Urban League of Rochester, and CCM teamed up to set up a digital lab. This lab helps bridge the digital divide experienced by marginalized residents of Monroe County who may not have access to technology. The lab is open to youth and adult community members and offers support in computer skills, résumé writing, workforce development, tele-health, computer security, and social media. Learn more about this and other programs on their website at [cameroncommunity.org](http://cameroncommunity.org).

**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 money. 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 [office@rochesterfbc.org](mailto:office@rochesterfbc.org). 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 14, their continuing month-long program is *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 [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. There will be no study Holy Week but a Maundy Thursday Service instead. (see below)

**FBCR Book Club** reading for Tuesday, 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.

**Our Maundy Thursday special service** will be on Thursday, March 28 in Hubbell Hall. Plan to join us for a simple soup dinner at 6 PM followed by an intimate worship experience including communion and a handwashing time. As we are preparing the dinner for you, please sign up in the Garden Room!

**Thoughtful upcoming programs and guest preachers** are being planned including Dr. Don Schwab. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

**Worship Readers for Palm Sunday.** Would you like to be a reader in the Passion narrative for Palm Sunday? Please let Pastor Joanne know this week at [joanne@rochesterfbc.org](mailto:joanne@rochesterfbc.org). We are also seeking other readers and ushers for March and April. Sign up today in the Garden Room.

**Order your Easter Dedication Flowers today.** Complete the form on the next page, tear it off and place it in the offering plate. For payment, please place "flowers" on the memo line of your check. You make take home the flowers which you ordered following Easter Service on Sunday, March 31.

**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/).



# Easter Flowers Dedication 2024

I would like to order dedication flowers for our Easter Sunday Service.

☐ In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Plant Options: Lily, Tulip, or Daffodil for \$10/plant

Azalea or Hydrangea for \$20/plant

<u>Number</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Total</u>
_____	Lily	+	_____	Tulip	+	_____	Daffodil	= Total _____ @ \$10 = _____

_____	Azalea	+	_____	Hydrangea	= Total _____ @ \$20 = _____
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Total Amount Given \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*As you want it to appear in the bulletin.*

**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

Spring flowers may be taken home after worship on Easter Sunday.

