

Loving with abandon

WORSHIP OF GOD | MARCH 17, 2024

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | rochesterfbc.org

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

Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

Special Music

Crucifixus

Claudio Monteverdi

Henry Griffin & Section Leaders of First Rochester:
Naomi Chad, soprano, Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano;
Andrew Miller, tenor; Adnrew Bianchi, baritone.

Children's Time

Eliecia Young

*Hymn 471

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom

Scripture

John 12:1-11

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Loving with Abandon

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/.

Music in Response

I call to you, Jesus Christ
Samuel Baker, organ

J. S. Bach

Offertory 359

Praise God
(1x, no repeats, use 2nd ending)

H Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, The Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.

Prayer of Dedication

God, we make decisions about our money nearly every day; whether to buy that coffee, when to replace that phone, where to make investments for the future. Help us to be faithful with what is in our hands, as we trust you to be faithful with the world you hold in your hands. Amen
(Commonword.ca)

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 748 *Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing* attr. John Fawcett
Sicilian melody

Benediction

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue* Joh. T. Krebs



Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service including: Rev. Peg Williams, reader; Bob McDonald and Ken Hines, ushers; Kande Tabor, 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; Andrew Bianchi, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ, and Henry Griffin, music, director.

We're delighted you've joined us in worship today. If you are new to First Rochester's worship, please 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 complete the Connection Card found in the small pocket in the pews and place it in the offering plate, sign the book in the foyer as you enter, or go to rochesterfbc.org/guestbook/ to leave us your name and contact information.

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LENTEN SPECIAL MISSION PROJECT



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**—and Easter, 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 Monroe county's hold on grant funding for our underserved neighbors, these extra funds will

help carry them through until the grants are reinstated. Please give generously. Please note **High 5** on your check or online, . So far we have collected **\$1,885** to help CCM keep *Cameron Cuts* operational. Can we work hard to give a little or give a lot? Can we reach \$2,500? Give today and for two more weeks!

“Spotlight” on Clothing Boutique at Cameron. The Clothing Boutique offers a wide range of children's and adult clothing, shoes, accessories, undergarments, socks, linens, and small housewares. Availability of items depends on donations and we may not have items available in every size. We also offer hygiene items (such as soap, toothpaste, and shampoo, diapers/wipes, and cleaning supplies.) Donations are greatly appreciated Monday – Friday from 9 AM-1 PM by appointment only or you may drop them here at the church across from Hubbell Hall entrance for later delivery. Learn more about this and other programs on their website at cameroncommunity.org.

Another way to help Cameron Community Ministries by using 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 on the tables in the Narthex, Garden Room, and hallway, or by request at 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 21**, their continuing month-long program is *Armchair Irish Immersion*. Chair 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 kandeetabor@gmail.com or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

All are invited to join our last Wednesday discussion on *Where We Meet*, a daily devotional book that asks thought-provoking questions. We will discuss the chapter covered by both **Context and Innovation** (pages 91-133). 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 6 PM in the chapel or on Zoom. Join in the 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 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.

Thoughtful upcoming programs and guest preachers are being planned to include Dr. Don Schwab who will be leading a special forum on April 7th following worship. Additionally, we have a very inspiring speaker. Thomas Gant, who after serving 25 years in prison is now an inspirational advocate for prison reform. Mr. Gant will be with us both on a Sunday and several Wednesdays in April. Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

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

Thank you to everyone who signed up to read over the next several weeks. Your willingness to lend your voice to worship is appreciated!

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm/Passion Sunday Sunday, March 24 @ 10 AM

We will gather together for worship with the waving of palms at 10 AM.

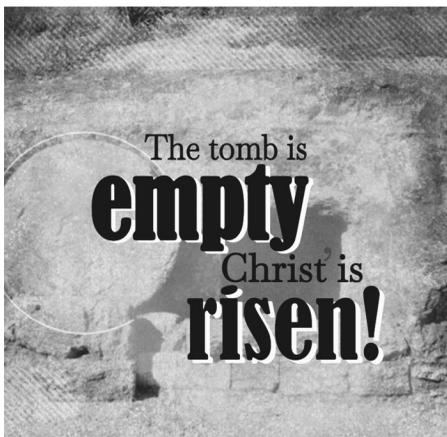
As part of the service, the Passion Story will be read from the scriptures by many voices. Join us as we immerse ourselves in the Word.

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Service Thursday, March 28 @ 6 PM

Our Maundy Thursday special service will be held 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.

We are preparing the dinner for you, so please sign up in the Garden Room so we know how much to make!

There will be no Wednesday study this week.



Easter Service Sunday, March 31 @ 10 AM

Invite your family and friends and join us on Easter morning as we rejoice in the resurrection of Christ!

In the service, voices will be raised in song and the word. A quintet of brass will trumpet our joy as we celebrate our risen Lord.



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 = ___
								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.