



**The whole
group of those
who believed were of**

ONE

heart and soul ...

ACTS 4:32, NRSV

WORSHIP OF GOD | COMMUNION SUNDAY | APRIL 7, 2024
First Rochester | An American Baptist Church
175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | rochesterfbc.org
Dr. Donald Schwab, guest preacher | Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant
Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor
Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude

*Trumpet Tune: Hail the Day
that Sees Him Rise*
Samuel Baker, organ

Richard Proulx

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit

Sentence Before Prayer 1

Floyd E. Werle,
Text F.E.W.

Welcome

Eliecia Young

Call to Worship

Seth and Sarah Oaks

One: God of our life's journey, we gather together as your family in the faith, on our way home.

All: Loving God, as we journey to our home in You, may we always keep our eyes only on You.

One: God of our every experience, we gather to share and support each other in our faith in You.

All: Encouraging God, guide and bless us as we seek to build our community in faith and love.

One: God our Creator and Parent, we gather together to strengthen our bonds of commitment and fellowship within the reality of God's Holy Presence that surrounds and upholds us.

All: God of our faith journey, we gather before You in humble prayers and praise, seeking Your forgiveness, restoration, and renewal as Your united and loving family in this time and place. Amen.

Choral Introit

Sentence Before Prayer 2

Floyd E. Werle,
Text F.E.W.

Scriptures

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2

Seth and Sarah Oaks

***Hymn 649**

Gather Us In

M. Haugen

Morning Prayer

Eliecia Young

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.

Choral Introit

Introit No. 6

Floyd E. Werle, Psalm 95

Children's Time

Eliecia Young

*Hymn 483

Take Time to be Holy

William Longstaff
George Stebbins

Scripture

John 20:19-31

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Reflection

Dr. Donald Schwab

Choral Response

Prayer Response No. 1

Floyd E. Werle,
Text A.M. Toplady

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/.

Choral Response

Prayer Response No. 2

Floyd E. Werle,
Text A.M. Toplady

Prayer of Dedication

Communion

Eliecia Young, Dr. Donald Schwab

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Unison Prayer

Our God, we thank You for all You have done for us; we who are at this table trust that through the eating of the bread and drinking of the cup; we shall come to a thankful remembrance of Jesus Christ, and that by Your Holy Spirit, Christ will come to dwell within and among us. Amen.

The Great Feast

Choral Response

Response No. 4

Floyd E. Werle,
Text F.E.W

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: Seth and Sarah Oaks, readers; Richard Wien, usher; 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; and Henry Griffin, music director.



Thanks for joining us today! We'd love to get to know you, so please fill out a **Connection Card** found in the pews and place it with the offering. One of the pastors will reach out soon and treat you to a cup of coffee!

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UPDATED TOTAL **LENTEN SPECIAL** **MISSION PROJECT**

Congratulation First Rochester!
We "together" collected an additional
\$3,580.00

for *Cameron Cuts* at Cameron Community Ministries
through our *High 5 for Cameron* campaign!

Do you still want to help *Cameron Cuts* barber apprentice program?

Please pick up a letter, make it your own, and send it to Monroe County Executive Adam Bello to urge him to release the promised grant money to support the various community job-training programs within the inner city.

Today, after worship fellowship will be hosted by Carol Stahl in the Garden Room followed by a Forum in the Sanctuary led by Dr. Schwab on Loneliness. Our children will practice their music in the Children's Choir.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): On Thursday, April 11, the topic for OWLS will be ***HANDS: Separating Humans from the Pack***. 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.

Next Sunday will be a special Choral Sunday and Jazz 'n Jeans 2

featuring our in-house musicians performing selections from jazz, gospel, praise, and other choral and instrumental options. We also will be treated to the guest preaching of Mr. Thomas Gant, accomplished restorative justice writer, speaker, and facilitator.

Join us on Wednesday evenings: April 10, 17 & 24 at 6 PM to learn about the prison system, the background, and a way forward with Thomas and Kerry Gant. Thomas Gant was incarcerated for 25 years and saw firsthand how broken the system is. The Gants are gifted teachers and will lead us through an incredible program. Thomas will also preach and lead a sermon talkback with us on April 14.

Handbells will rehearse on April 10, 17, 24, and May 1 to play in worship on May 5. If you have any interest in participating, please talk to Henry.

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FBCR Book Club for Tuesday, April 23, is Colleen Hoover's *It Ends With Us*. Anyone interested is welcome. We will gather at 11:30 AM for fellowship with discussion by noon. You may bring a lunch - a beverage will be provided.

Wednesdays in May at 6 PM, we will be diving into conversations around who we are as a community and where we are heading. We would love to hear your voice, so plan to join us, even if for only one of the sessions (on-campus & zoom).

If you would like to learn more about First Rochester, you can reach out to us by email at office@rochesterfbc.org, call us at (585) 244-2468, or check out our website at rochesterfbc.org.

First Rochester's regular schedule of activities through the program year:

- ◆ **First Sunday:** Communion Sunday, Children's Sunday School; Fellowship Time; Second Hour Forum, and Children's Choir.
- ◆ **Second Sunday:** Worship, Children's Sunday School; Fellowship Time; Second Hour: Sermon Talkback in the Chapel, TLC in the Koinonia Room; Children's Choir.
- ◆ **Third Sunday:** Casual Sunday Worship, Children's Sunday School; Fellowship Time; Second Hour: Mission Meeting following fellowship, Children's Choir. Lunch Club following Second Hour Programs (bring-your-own lunch and fellowship together).
- ◆ **Fourth Sunday:** Worship, Children's Sunday School; Fellowship Time; Second Hour: Sermon Talkback in the Chapel, TLC in the Koinonia Room; Children's Choir.
- ◆ **Other special** worship programs and events happen throughout the year.
Our next special event: Jazz 'n Jeans, April 14 during worship.



At First Rochester, we welcome and affirm all people regardless of race, class, gender, physical challenge, place of origin, or sexual orientation into worship, community, membership, and all aspects of congregational life. If you wish to be a part of the First Rochester community, we have good news – we already consider you a part of it. So we can know you better and help you fully connect with us, please complete a Connection

Card found in the pews. If you wish to enter into a covenant relationship (membership) with us, just let us know. Welcome!