

WORSHIP OF GOD | JAZZ 'n JEANS SUNDAY | APRIL 14, 2024
First Rochester | An American Baptist Church
175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | rochesterfbc.org
Thomas Gant, guest preacher | Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant
Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor
Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

#### WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude

Jerusalem, My Happy Home Samuel Baker, organ

arr. George Shearing

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Gathering

Take Three

**David Bruce** 

Oliver Hood, cello: Doleen Hood, piano

Welcome

Eliecia Young

Call to Worship

The Spooners

One: Sing praises to God, O faithful ones.

All:

Give thanks and proclaim God's holy name.

One: Weeping or joyful, mourning or dancing,

All:

Come as you are, for all are welcome here.

One: Open your hearts to healing, to life restored.

All:

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn 649

Give Me Jesus See next page

Traditional Spiritual arr. E. D. White

Scriptures

Psalm 126; Romans 13:11-14

The Spooners

**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.



**Special Music** 

 $\begin{array}{c} Come\ Ye\ Sinners\\ First\ Rochester\ Choir, \end{array}$ 

Seay, Johnson, Hamilton & Owens, arr. Galbraith

Henry Griffin, director

Children's Time

Eliecia Young

\*Hymn 483

Just a Closer Walk with Jesus See next page Traditional North American Hymn

Scripture

Matthew 5:43-46

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Sermon

Make a Reckoning: Things Won't Get Better Until We Reckon

Thomas Gant, guest preacher

#### 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 For Response** 

Close in the Distance

Ultima Thule

Todd Haefele, guitar

Doxology

Give Thanks

H. Smith

(use 2nd ending, 1x with no repeats)

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**

#### **Invitation to Mission and Ministry**

Worshipers 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.

### Just a Closer Walk with Jesus



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\*Closing Hymn 557

Pass It On See next page Kurt Kaiser

**Benediction** 

Postlude

Trumpet Tune Samuel Baker, organ

David N. Johnson

Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service including: The Spooners, readers; Gene Tiesler and Doug Trolley, ushers; Kandee Tabor, fellowship time; our tech team: 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; Oliver Hood, cello; Doleen Hood, piano; Todd Haefele, guitar; 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!

**Today, after worship** fellowship will be hosted by Kandee Tabor in the Garden Room followed by a Sermon Talkback in the Sanctuary led by Thomas and Kerry Gant. Our children will practice their music in Children's Choir.

## \*\*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 <a href="https://www.rochesterfbc.org/spirituals/">www.rochesterfbc.org/spirituals/</a>.



# Invitation to Mission & Ministry

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**OWLS** (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): On Thursday, April 18, the topic for the day will be *Healthy, Happy Feet, with Certified Podologist, Andrea Whitcomb-May.* 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.

**Join us on Wednesday evenings: April 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 today.

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

**FBCR Book Club for Tuesday, April 23,** is Colleen Hoover's <u>It Ends With Us.</u> 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 <u>your voice</u>, so plan to join us, even if for only one of the sessions (on-campus & zoom).

Our Next Jazz 'n Jeans will be held on May 12, and will feature the Bill Tiberto Band.

#### 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.