



**Love ...**  
**in truth**  
**and action.**

**1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV**

**WORSHIP OF GOD | CASUAL SUNDAY | APRIL 21, 2024**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

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**Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist**

# WORSHIP OF GOD

**Prelude**

*Shepherd me, O God*  
Samuel Baker, organ

arr. Charles Callahan

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Music for Meditation**

Henry Griffin, piano

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Kandee Tabor

One: The Lord is Our Shepherd, of whom shall we be afraid?

**All: God leads us from want to abundance, why then do we worry?**

One: God leads us on paths to water and guides us on our way, why does trust come so hard?

**All: Even in the darkness of death and pain, God is with us. We have nothing to fear.**

One: Surely God's table is full before us and our cup overflows.

**All: Let us praise God's goodness and unfailing love as we worship.**

**\*Hymn 304**

*Shout for Joy, Loud and Long*

*Piae Cantiones,*  
D. Mowbray

**Scriptures**

*Acts 4:5-12*

Kandee Tabor

**Morning Prayer**

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**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.*

*\*congregation sings*

**Special Music**

*Aprile*  
Ashton Rapp, Henry Griffin, piano

Paolo Tosti

**Children's Time**

Elicia Young

**\*Hymn 302**

*He Lives*

A H. Ackley

**Scripture**

*I John 3:16-24*

**Prayer for Illumination****Sermon**

*Truth and Action*

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Unison Prayer**

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.

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**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 For Response**

*The Living God*  
*My Shepherd Is*  
Samuel Baker, organ

arr. R. Kalbfleisch

**Doxology**

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

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.



# INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

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**Today, after worship fellowship** will be hosted by Flora Holt in the Garden Room. The **Missions meeting** will be held in the chapel during **Second Hour** and our children will practice their music in Children's Choir. Finally, please plan to join us in Hubbell Hall for **Lunch Club** and fellowship with a bring-your-own lunch or just come to visit for a while!

**OWLS** (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): On **Thursday, April 25**, the topic for the day will be ***Spring Cleaning: Cleaning out our activities and trivia left over from the past few months.*** 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](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com) or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

**Join us on as we conclude our Wednesday series on Restorative Justice and Prison Injustice on April 24 at 6 PM** 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 another informative session.

**Council Roundtable** discussion will be held during Second Hour on **April 28?????**

**Handbells will continue to rehearse on April 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 [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.

**Join us for our Forum on May 5 during Second Hour** as Rev. Ivan Marable and Marcia McCarthy share with us their experiences at the national conference *Space for Grace* held in Pennsylvania and on Zoom.

**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).

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

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**Save the Date:** Children's Service and All-Church Picnic to be held on **June 9**. It will be a day you won't want to miss. Details are being planned and will be shared when they become known.

## **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.



***Welcome! 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 and place it in the offering plate. If you wish to enter into a covenant relationship (membership) with us, just let us know.*