



We
love
because
He first
loved us.

1 John 4:19

WORSHIP OF GOD | APRIL 28, 2024

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist | Grace Wang, guest organist

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Prelude

Choral, Variations 1-2 from
Sei gegrüßet, Jesu gütig
(*Hail to You, Kind Jesus*)
Grace Wang, organ

J. S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Gathering

Henry Griffin, piano

Welcome

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Call to Worship

Jean Garling

One: If God be for us, who stands against us?

All: For God loves us and has raised up His Son that we might have life.

One: If God is love, we also abide in Love.

All: For all will know we love Jesus by the love we offer to each other.

One: Let us sing of our love today.

All: Let us rejoice in God's love, let us worship God together.

*Hymn 397

The Gift of Love

H. H. Hopson,
English melody

Scriptures

Acts 8: 26-40

Jean Garling

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.

**congregation sings*

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 372**

I Then Shall Live

G. Gaither,
J. Sibelius

Benediction

Postlude

Praeludium
Grace Wang, organ

Johann Ludwig Krebs



Thank you to those who contributed their gifts to today's service

including: Jean Garling, reader; Richard Wien and Ken Hines, ushers; Sharon Hamann, fellowship time; our tech team: Scott and Susen McClellan, Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Grace Wang, guest organist, Naomi Chad, soprano; Savannah White-Heximer, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano, Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Henry Griffin, 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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Today, after worship fellowship will be hosted by Sharon Hamann in the Garden Room. We will gather again, in the sanctuary for a Council Roundtable while our children go to choir practice. The Council Roundtable discussion will be a very informative session covering many topics. We hope you will join us.

Prayers of the Community* notifications have begun.** If you attend regularly and would like to receive this email, please sign up on the table in the Garden Room or share your name and email address to ***office@rochesterfbc.org.

The Memorial service for Dr. Robert McDonald will be held on Tuesday, April 30 at 10:30 AM. A reception will follow the service at Monroe Golf Club.

Wednesdays in May at 6 PM, beginning **May 1**, 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 if you've been here for 2 months or 20 years, so plan to join us (on-campus & zoom). Dinner and childcare is provided **FREE** of charge! Sign up in the Garden Room (but come even if you didn't sign up!).

Do you need more community and support in some way? Several peer-led, self-help support groups meet weekly in the Education Wing. There is a schedule of meetings on the bulletin board down there along with on our website. We invite you to check them out today!

We are collecting hygiene items now through May 19 (shampoo, conditioner, lotion, soap, toothpaste, pads, tampons, etc.) to be handed out to those in need at Brighton Central School District. Please have your items in by **May 19** so we can get them to the school for disbursement before summer break!

OWLS (Older Wiser Learned Seniors): For the month of May the theme will be ***Finding May***. On **Thursday, May 2**, the topic will be ***10-Letter May Words***. Chair exercise begins at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Program offset donations are appreciated. Please RSVP to Kande Tabor at her email ***kandeetabor@gmail.com*** or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

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

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*** which was held in Pennsylvania and on Zoom.

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Our Next Jazz ‘n Jeans will be held on May 12, and will feature the John Nyerges Quartet, our section leaders, as well as several fellow classmates. It will be a great day of uplifting music.

FBCR Book Club for Tuesday, May 28, is discussing *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. 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.

Save the Date: Children’s Service and All-Church Picnic (indoor/outdoor) 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 monthly schedule of activities throughout the program year:

- ◆ **First Sunday:** Communion Sunday; Children’s Sunday School; Fellowship Time; Second Hour Forum; 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 will follow 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.