

Love your
enemies
and
pray



Matthew 5:44

for
those who
persecute
you...

WORSHIP OF GOD | MAY 5, 2024

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude

Lamb of God, without blemish
Samuel Baker, organ

Joh. Pachelbel

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Gathering

Festival Fanfare in Three
First Rochester Handbell Choir; Henry Griffin, director

Bob Burroughs

Welcome

Eliecia Young

Call to Worship

Mark Harnischfeger

One: Friends, this is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Let's celebrate this together.

One: Blessed are you who enter into God's house.

All: God is God and has bathed us in light.

One: Let us worship God with singing, with joy, and with prayer.

***Hymn 298**

The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus
H. T. Smart

Scriptures

John 21: 15-19

Mark Harnischfeger

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.

***Hymn 349**

Seek Ye First

K. Lafferty

**congregation sings*

Scripture

*Matthew 5:38-48
from The Message*

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

*Getting through the next six months
with faith, hope and love*

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

***Hymn 698**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Jamaican Folk Tune
Fred Kaan

Giving our Gifts to God and Prayer of Giving

In response for the gift of God's abundance, we return to God gifts 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

We Come to Your Feast

Michael Joncas

First Rochester Choir; Doleen Hood, piano; Henry Griffin, director

Communion

*We observe an open communion.
All are welcome!*

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon &
Eliecia Young

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Unison Prayer

At this table we remember you. By this bread and cup we submit to your love. Make of us one people, faithful, hopeful, and loving. Amen.

The Great Feast

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.*

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

including: Mark Harnischfeger, reader; Richard Wien and Gene Tiesler, ushers; Carol Stahl, fellowship time; our tech team: Oliver Hood, Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: First Rochester Handbell Choir; First Rochester Choir with section leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano, Andrew Miller, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Doleen Hood, piano; Samuel Baker, organ; 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!

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.

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Today, enjoy after worship fellowship hosted by Carol Stahl, then join us in the chapel as Ivan Marable and Marcia McCarthy discuss their *Space for Grace* experience.

At 6 PM on Wednesdays in May, we will continue to dive into *who we are as a community and where we are heading*. We would love to hear your voice this **Wednesday, May 8**, whether you've been here for 2 months or 20 years, so plan to join us. Dinner is provided at 5:30 PM in Hubbell Hall. Childcare is also provided **FREE** of charge! Sign up in the Garden Room so we can plan quantities (but come even if you didn't sign up).

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 9**, the topic will be begin several weeks on *Assorted May Findings*. Chair exercise begins at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Program offset donations are appreciated. Please RSVP to Kandee Tabor at kandeetabor@gmail.com or call or text her at (585) 520-6948.

Clean Sweep of the church campus! Help us clean up around the church grounds **next Saturday, May 11 at 1:00 PM** until the pizza arrives! Many hands make light work! Please join us.

Our Next Jazz 'n Jeans will be held next Sunday, 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: Our Children's Service and All-Church Picnic (indoor/outdoor) will be held on **Sunday, June 9**. It will be a day you won't want to miss. The meal will be provided by the church. Donations toward the cost will be accepted. Just let us know you plan to attend on the sign up in the Garden Room.