



God is our  
refuge and  
strength,

a very present  
help in trouble.

**WORSHIP OF GOD | JUNE 30, 2024**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

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**Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant**

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

**Rev. Dr. Kristina LaCelle-Peters, guest preacher**



**Children's Time**

Elicia Young

**\*Hymn 466**

*Take My Life*  
Samuel Baker, organ

Havergal/  
Cesar Malan

**Scriptures**

*Luke 7:18-22*

Rev. Dr. Kristina  
LaCelle-Peterson

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

*When God is Absent*

Rev. Dr. Kristina  
LaCelle-Peterson

**Giving our Gifts to God & Prayer**

Elicia Young

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

*Blessed Jesus*  
Samuel Baker, organ

J. S. Bach

**\*Doxology 668**

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

*Cantica Laudis*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.  
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**Invitation to Mission and Ministry**

Elicia Young

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 712**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*  
Samuel Baker, organ

Welsh Folk tune,  
O. Westendorf

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kristina  
LaCelle-Peterson

**Postlude**

*Toccata in F*  
Samuel Baker, organ

D. Buxtehude

*\*congregation sings,  
please stand if able*

# INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

**Thank you to others who contributed their gifts to today's service** including reader: Rev. Peg Nowling Williams; ushers: Richard Wien and Ken Hines, fellowship time: Flora Holt, our tech team: Scott and Susen McClellan, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Emma Unkrich, mezzo, and Samuel Baker, keyboards.

**We're so glad you joined us!** We welcome you to First Rochester, regardless of race, class, gender, physical challenge, place of origin, or sexual orientation.

**If you're new with us,** please fill out the **connection card**, found in your pew and drop it with the offering. We look forward to getting to know you better!

**Zoom Connect on Wednesday Evenings.** Available for anyone who wishes to get onto Zoom and visit at **5:30 PM** Wednesdays.

**No OWLS Program this week, Thursday, July 4.**

**Sunday, June 30:** following worship today, please join the TLC group for a bring-your-own lunch to Mendon Ponds Park next to the Wild Wings Nature Center followed by a hike on the Birdsong Fairy Trail. All are welcome! Invite your friends!

**Sunday Forum, next week July 14: *Continuing the Conversation*,** creatively revisiting our core values.

**Saturday, July 20, Pride Parade:** This year's Pride Parade from South Ave. to Highland Park begins at 11AM. Sign up to let us know you are walking with us.

**Sunday, July 21 at 3 PM, Pride Service:** featuring Rev. Dr. Angela Sims, CRCDS President as our guest speaker. Hosted by First Rochester.

**Save Wednesday, July 31:** A special visit from ABC IM Global Servants from Zimbabwe. We will share a meal and see a presentation on their work toward peace.

**Daily Dose:** Based on a recent sermon talkback, we discussed ways to be connected to God and each other outside of Sunday mornings. We plan to begin this coming week sending scripture, prayer, and then sharing our thoughts, so we can make stronger connections. Are you interested? If so, please sign up in the Garden Room. It may take a few days to get you into the system and "tested".

**Stay Connected!** Check out the bulletin, email blasts, bulletin boards, or website at [rochesterfbc.org](http://rochesterfbc.org) for the latest news and information of First Rochester.

## ***\*\*Royalties for Spirituals***

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