

A scenic view of a lake with a small boat on the shore, surrounded by green foliage. The text is overlaid on the image.

**“MY**

# **GRACE**

**IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU.”**

**2 CORINTHIANS 12:9**

**WORSHIP OF GOD | JULY 7, 2024**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

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

# WORSHIP OF GOD

*Feel free to use any gender-neutral language in hymns or responses.*

**Prelude** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save & The Star-Spangled Banner\*\** Charles Callahan  
Samuel Baker, organ

## Chiming of the Hour

**Music for Gathering** *Ode to Joy* L. van Beethoven  
George and Todd Haefele, piano

**Welcome** Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**Call to Worship** George and Chelsea Haefele

One: We ponder Your steadfast love, O God.

**All: Indeed it never fails to surprise us.**

One: Your name, O God, like Your praise,

**All: It reaches to the ends of the earth.**

One: We ponder again Your steadfast love, O God,

**All: Here in Your sanctuary. Let us worship You together.**

**\*Hymn 112** *You Servants of God* C. Wesley/W. Croft  
Samuel Baker, organ

**Scriptures** *II Corinthians 12:2-10* George and  
*The Message* Chelsea Haefele

**Special Music** *I'll Fly Away* A. E. Brumley  
Todd Haefele, mandolin

## Morning Prayer

### Sharing our Joys and Concerns

### The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

*\*congregation sings, please stand if able*

*\*\*A Patriotic Suite*

**\*Hymn 728**

*God of the Ages*  
Samuel Baker, organ

D. Roberts  
G. Warren

**Scriptures**

*II Corinthians 12:2-10*

Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

*Stuff and Nonsense* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**Giving our Gifts to God with Prayer**

In response to God's abundance toward us, we return the gifts of what we have and of who we are. You may leave an offering in the plate as it is passed, send an offering by mail to the church, or give at [rochesterfbc.org/give/](http://rochesterfbc.org/give/).

**Music For  
Response**

*O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies\*\**  
Samuel Baker, organ

C. Callahan

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**Words of Institution**

**Unison Prayer**

**Forgive us O God, in Your great mercy. Grant to us Your grace and forgiveness that we might feed our neighbors as deeply as we feed ourselves. Through the work of Jesus on our behalf, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, may we be healed by our remembrance of You through this bread and this cup. Amen**

**The Great Feast**

*We observe an open communion,  
everyone is welcome.*

**Benediction**

**Parting Hymn\* 730**

*Mine Eyes have Seen the Glory*  
(v.1 & 4)  
Samuel Baker, organ

American Melody  
Julia Ward Howe

*\*congregation sings, please stand if able*  
*\*\*A Patriotic Suite*

# INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

**Thank you to others who contributed their gifts to today's service** including readers: George and Chelsea Haefele; ushers: Richard Wien and John Hargather; fellowship time: Lynn McClellan; our tech team: Scott and Susen McClellan, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: George and Todd Haefele, piano and mandolin, and Samuel Baker, organ

**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!

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

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

**OWLS Program for Thursday, July 11, *Dick Van Dyke: 96 years Strong*,** by Doris Adamek. Chair exercise begins at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com). For more details, see the OWLS bulletin board or check out our website.

**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.

**Do you love a good potluck as much as we do?** Join us for a picnic-inspired one on **Sunday, July 28**, after worship where we will enjoy eating together and playing some yard games!

**Save July 31:** Join us for a night with "peace warriors" and IM Global Servants Christina & Lance Muteyo from Zimbabwe. Beginning at 5:30 PM, we will share a Zimbabwean-inspired meal and enjoy a presentation on their work toward peace. We have invited area churches; all are welcome (including the kids)!

**Daily Dose has begun.** Would you like to receive a daily scripture, prayer, and thought to reflect upon? Is so, please sign up in the Garden Room. Though, we are still working out the details (especially via text), we would love for you to join the conversation and strengthen our connections with God and each other.

**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.