



**“LORD, TO WHOM
SHALL WE GO?
*You have
the words*
OF ETERNAL LIFE.”**

JOHN 6:68, NIV

WORSHIP OF GOD | AUGUST 25, 2024
First Rochester | An American Baptist Church
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Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

One: Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

All: **In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.**

One: Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

All: **And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.**

One: Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Morning Prayer

Eliecia Young

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Schäfer's Klagelied

Franz Schubert

Henry Griffin, baritone; Samuel Baker, piano

Children's Time

Eliecia Young

Hymn 72

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Chisholm/Runyan

Scripture

John 6:56-69

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Fear and Tradition

Rev. Joanne
Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God & Dedication

**Music For
Response**

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Samuel Baker, organ

D. Busarow

Doxology

Praise God

Genevan Psalter

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, the heavenly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn 569

God of Grace and God of Glory

Fosdick/Hughes

Benediction

Postlude

To God Be the Glory
Samuel Baker, organ

R. Powell

INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

Thank you to others who contributed their gifts to today's service including ushers: Richard Wien and Mark Harnischfeger; fellowship time: Lynn McClellan; our tech team: Todd Haefele, Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Samuel Baker, organ and Henry Griffin, piano, baritone, music director.

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!

OWLS Program on Thursday, August 29: *Baby Corps—Elders Nurturing New Life* with Jim Coffey. Chair exercise 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP kandeetabor@gmail.com.

Save the Date: September 15. There will be a **Council Roundtable** immediately following worship followed by a churchwide **Potluck**.

Sign-up for September and October readers and ushers in the Garden Room. If you available and would like to help read or usher on a Sunday, please sign up for one of the available weeks.

Church Conversations Return: Wednesdays in September: 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25—*Working together to discover who we are now*. 5:30 PM—Bring your dinner (optional); 6:00-7:00 PM In-person discussion. Even if you cannot meet every week, we want to hear your voice! Childcare is available upon request.

Weeding Opportunities: As the weather cools, there are several places around the church that could use some weeding attention like at the end of Hubbell Hall, Chapel, and around the Sanctuary.