



create in me
a Clean Heart

WORSHIP OF GOD | COMMUNION SUNDAY | AUGUST 4, 2024

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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WORSHIP OF GOD

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

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude

Let us break bread together
Samuel Baker, organ

arr. C. Callahan

Welcome

Call to Worship

Eliecia Young

One: We enter into this sanctuary with songs of praise.

All: We enter into this place with hearts full of love.

One: We come seeking.

All: We come with hope and with doubt.

One: May we empty ourselves to make room for God.

All: Let us worship together.

*Hymn 606

As Your Family, Lord, Meet us Here

**Spiritual

Scriptures

Psalm 51

Responsive Reading

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

One: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

All: Against you, you alone, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

One: You are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.

All: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

One: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

All: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

One: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

All: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

**congregation sings, please stand if able*

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One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

All: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

One: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.

All: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

One: For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.

All: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

One: Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem;

All: then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Special Music *Be Thou My Vision* Traditional Irish Melody
Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Samuel Baker, organ arr. R. Walters

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

Morning Prayer Eliecia Young

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 383** *If My People's Hearts Are Humbled* Cloninger/Levitt's
The Christian Lyre

Scriptures *John 6:24-35* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon *Clean Hearts* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music For *Rondeau* H. Purcell
Response Samuel Baker, organ

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Eliecia Young

We observe an open communion. All are welcome at the table.

Words of Institution

Unison Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for your nourishment. We offer at this table our prayers of thanksgiving for this loaf and this cup. You set before us your word, and this meal, and send your spirit that our souls may be sustained in you. We ask for courage to go from this table, strengthened to serve in your name. Forgive us, when we fail and free us from sin, that we might magnify your name. Amen.

The Great Feast

Panis Angelicus
Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano

César Franck

Benediction

*Parting Hymn 715

Now Let Us from This Table Rise
v. 1, 2, 4

Kaan/Tallis

**congregation sings, please stand if able*

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: Susen and Scott McClellan, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano, 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!

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, August 8, *Begins With, Ends With, Rhymes With Word Fun* with Kandee. Chair exercise begins at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP kandeetabor@gmail.com.

FBCR Book Club, Tuesday, August 27 *Still Life with Bread Crumbs* by Anna Quindlen. All are welcome. Gathering and lunch: 11:30 AM; discussion at noon. Bring your own lunch, beverage provided.

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