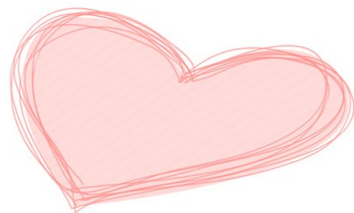
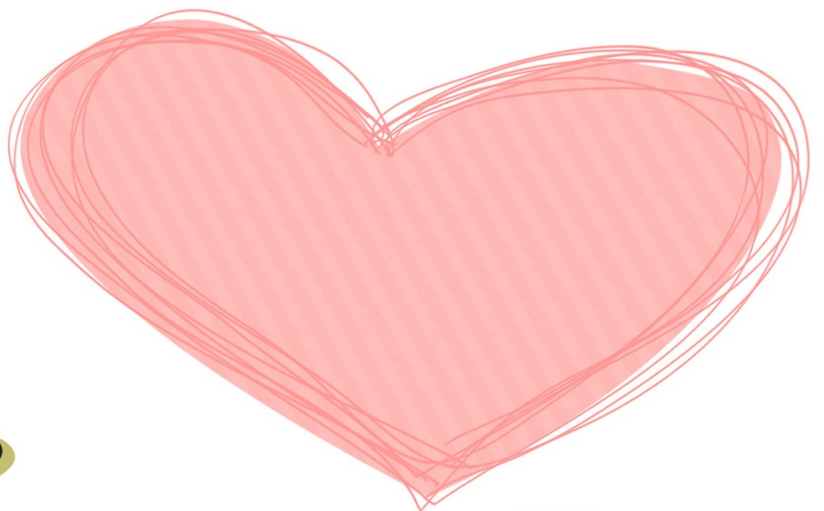


There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

Mark 7:15,
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WORSHIP OF GOD | COMMUNION SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 1, 2024
First Rochester | An American Baptist Church
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Rev. Joanné Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Elicia Young, pastoral assistant
Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

One: My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

All: Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

One: Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

All: Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

One: But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

All: Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

One: Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Special Music

Be With Me, Lord

Lloyd Larson

Naomi Chad, soprano; Arianna Potluri, mezzo-soprano; Joshua Gleason, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, piano; Henry Griffin, director.

Morning Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn 443

Trust and Obey

Sammis/Towner

Scripture	<i>Mark 7:1-23</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Prayer for Illumination		
Sermon	<i>What comes out?</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Invitation to Mission and Ministry		
Giving our Gifts to God & Dedication		
Music For Response	<i>Modal Piece</i> Samuel Baker, organ	J. Langlais
Invitation to the Lord's Table		Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon Rev. Ken Williams, assisting
	<i>We observe an open communion, all are welcome at the table.</i>	
Words of Institution		
Unison Prayer		
The Great Feast		
Benediction		
*Parting Hymn 717	<i>Go Now in Peace</i> Samuel Baker, organ	Wren/Tallis



Thank you to others who contributed their gifts to today's service including ushers: Richard Wien and Mike Ryan; fellowship time: Dara and Ron Lewis; our tech team: Susen and Scott McClellan, Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Naomi Chad, soprano; Arianna Potluri, mezzo-soprano; Joshua Gleason, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, keyboards; Henry Griffin, piano, and director.

INVITATION TO MISSION & MINISTRY

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, September 5: *Steps to Get Home Health Care* with Megan Shergill, of Community Care Home Health Service. Chair exercise 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP kandeetabor@gmail.com.

Join us as we kick-off our new program year on September 15. We are excited to announce: the reopening of our nursery with Melina Mineti, as the lead teacher for birth to PreK; the return of our K-5 Sunday School and Music program; and the soon to be revitalized youth program for grades 6-12, There will be a **Council Roundtable** after worship followed by a churchwide **Potluck**. To help reduce the need for numerous volunteers for the potluck, we are asking for a few modifications. These can be found on the table in the Garden Room by the sign-up sheet.

Church Conversations return in September: On the Wednesdays of 9/11, 9/18 & 9/25—We will be “*working together to discover who we are now.*” At 5:30 PM—Bring your dinner (optional, if you wish to share a meal); 6:00-7:00 PM for an in-person discussion. If you cannot meet every week, we still want to hear your voice so come when you can! Childcare is available with advance request.

FBCR Book Club, Wednesday September 24: *Pachinko*, an epic historical fiction novel following a Korean family who immigrates to Japan by Min Jin Lee, . All are welcome. Gathering at 11:30 AM; discussion at noon. Bring your own lunch; beverage is provided.

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

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.

Stay Connected. Check out the bulletin, email blasts, bulletin boards, or website at rochesterfbc.org for the latest news and information of First Rochester.