



# *Blessed to Bless*

**WORSHIP OF GOD | SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

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

**Prelude** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. Flor Peeters  
Samuel Baker, organ

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Music for Gathering** Henry Griffin, piano

**Welcome** Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**Call to Worship** Michele Hunt

One: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.

**All: Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all God's benefits—**

One: God, who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,

**All: God, who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

One: God, who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**All: Let us worship God together.**

**\*Hymn 68** *Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing* Robinson/Wyeth

**Scripture** *Genesis 12:1-8* Michele Hunt

**Morning Prayer**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music** *Bless the Lord* Michail Ippolitoff-Ivanoff  
arr. H. Clough-Leigher

First Rochester Choir; Samuel Baker, organ; Henry Griffin, director.

**Children's Time**

Eliecia Young

**Hymn 437**

*Jesus Loves Me*

Warner/Bradbury

**Giving our Gifts to God & Dedication**

**Music For  
Response**

*Andante*  
Samuel Baker, organ

Betty Jackson King

**Doxology 688**

*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**

**Scripture**

*Matthew 5:1-16*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

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Rev. Joanne  
Gilbert-Cannon

**Service of Blessing**

**\*Closing Hymn 426**

*Blessed Assurance*

Crosby/Knapp

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
Samuel Baker, organ

arr. Albert Travis

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**Thank you to others who contributed their gifts to today's service**

including reader: Michele Hunt; ushers: Mike Ryan and Gene Tiesler; a potluck in lieu of fellowship time in Hubbell Hall following our Council Roundtable; our tech team: Susen and Scott McClellan, and Glenn Stahl, and our musicians: First Rochester Choir with section leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Joshua Gleason, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; and Samuel Baker, organ; 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!

**A GREAT DAY TODAY! We are excited to kick-off our new program year** today with our reopened **Nursery**—available for birth to PreK and our **K-5 Sunday School and Music** program. The revitalized **Youth Program** for grades 6-12 will begin next week. Following worship, our **Council** will provide a **Roundtable** discussion letting the congregation know things that are planned and those recently accomplished. Then right after, we will gather in Hubbell Hall to share time together in fellowship at our **Potluck Meal**. Everyone is welcome to join us!

**ABC World Mission Offering 2024.** In September we will continue to share information about various Global Servants providing education, ministry, and hope all over the world. Please see the insert for this week's message. In September, we will collect your gifts, using the envelopes found in the pews, toward this ABC-USA International Ministries' pass-through offering opportunity.

**Church Conversations are back for the Wednesdays of 9/18 & 9/25:** This week we will be looking at our *mission statement*. If you wish to eat together, you may bring your own dinner at 5:30 PM; otherwise, join us from 6:00-7:00 PM for an in-person discussion. There is no Zoom option. We want to hear your voice! Childcare is available with advance request.

**OWLS Program on Thursday, September 19:** *People, Places, and Experiences in India's Nagaland* continues with Dr. Ken Dodgson. Chair exercise 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP [kandee-tabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandee-tabor@gmail.com).

**FBCR Book Club, Tuesday, 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; beverages are provided.

**Forum, Sunday, September 29, Second Hour:** Executive Minister, Rev. Sandra Hasenauer will share with us information about Rochester Genesee Region/ABC.

**Reader or Usher sign-up is available** at the table in the Garden Room. If you are available and would like to read or usher on an upcoming Sunday, please sign up for one of the available weeks.

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