

WORSHIP OF GOD | SEPTEMBER 8, 2024
First Rochester | An American Baptist Church
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Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

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

Prelude

Prelude & Pastorale: God is here!

arr. Joel Martinson

Samuel Baker, organ

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Gathering

Un jour de printemps

Pauline Viardot

(A spring day)

Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Henry Griffin, piano

Welcome

Call to Worship

Based on Psalm 146

Kandee Tabor

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: We will praise the Lord as long as we live. We will sing praises to our God!

One: Happy are those who keep faith forever; who execute justice for the oppressed; who give food to the hungry.

All: The Lord sets prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts

up those who are bowed down and loves the righteous.

One: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow.

All: Let us worship together. Praise the Lord!

*Hymn 496 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms Hoffman/Showalter

Scripture James 2:1-10, 14-17 Kandee Tabor

Morning Prayer Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

The Lord's Prayer

Special Music

Ani Maamin (Song of Faith)

Max Hellman

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

Children's Time

Pastor Joanne

Hymn 273

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Colvin/ Ghana Folk Song

Scripture

Mark 7:24-37

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Jesus' Humanity

Eliecia Young

Giving our Gifts to God & Dedication

Music For

Doxology 34

Aria

Praise God

G. F. Händel

Response

Samuel Baker, organ

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 596

Help Us Accept Each Other

Kaan/Beck

Benediction

Postlude

Fugue in d Samuel Baker, organ Johann T. Krebs

Thank you to others who contributed their gifts to today's service including reader: Kandee Tabor; ushers: Ken Hines and Gene Tiesler; fellowship time: Carol Stahl; our tech team: Susen and Scott McClellan, and Glenn Stahl, and our musicians: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Joshua Gleason, tenor; Jiabao Guo, baritone; 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!

ABC World Mission Offering 2024. In September we bring to your attention the work of many Global Servants providing education, ministry, and hope all over the world. We will collect a special offering in the coming weeks, so watch for details.

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 eat together); 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.

OWLS Program on Thursday, September 12 & 19: People, Places, and Experiences in India's Nagaland with Dr. Ken Dodgson. Chair exercise 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP <u>kandee-tabor@gmail.com</u>.

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, please pick-up a copy our suggested modification located by the sign-up sheet in the Garden Room.

FBCR Book Club, Wednesday, September 24: <u>Pachinko</u>, 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, 2nd Hour: Executive Minister Rev. Sandra Hasenauer will share with us information about Rochester Genesee Region/ABC.

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, the Chapel, and around the Sanctuary.

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