

# Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land around us with respect to the Seneca Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, whose ancestral lands the Town of Brighton, the City of Rochester, and surrounding towns now occupy. We encourage every member of our community to learn about its original inhabitants.



**WORSHIP OF GOD | OCTOBER 13, 2024**

***Indigenous Peoples' Day is Monday, October 14, 2024***

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

**175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | [rochesterfbc.org](http://rochesterfbc.org)  
Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant  
Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist**

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

## Prelude

*Chaconne*  
Samuel Baker, organ

Joel Martinson

## Chiming of the Hour

## Music for Gathering

*Courante* from  
French Suite No. 5 in G, BWV 816  
Henry Griffin, piano

Johann Sebastian Bach

## Welcome

## \*Hymn 501

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Williams/Hughes

## Call to Worship

Rev. Peg Williams

One: Oh God, our help in ages past.

All: **Our hope is in you for the years that may come.**

One: Be our guide our whole lives long.

All: **That we might worthily serve you.**

One: Pour out your love that we might know you.

All: **Let us worship together.**

## Scripture Reading

*I Samuel 12:20-25*

Rev. Peg Williams

## \*Hymn 489

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Medema

## Morning Prayer

### Sharing our Joys and Concerns

### Unison Lord's Prayer

## Special Music

*Scio enim quod redemptor meus vivit*

Orlando di Lasso

First Rochester Section Leaders: Henry Griffin, director

## Translation:

I know that my Redeemer liveth  
and that at the last day I shall rise from the earth.

Again I shall be clothed with my body,  
and in my flesh shall I see God my Savior.

I am to see him my very self,  
and my eyes are to behold Him and no other.  
This hope of mine is stored in my chest.

**Children's Time**

Eliecia Young

**\*Hymn 383**

*If My People's Hearts are Humbled*

Cloinger; Leavitt's  
*The Christian Lyre*

**Scripture**

*II Chronicles 7:11-20*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

*Why Pray?*

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**Giving our Gifts to God & Dedication**

**Music in  
Response**

*Agincourt Hymn*  
Samuel Baker, organ

John Dunstable

**\*Doxology 359**

*Give Thanks*  
(No repeats, 2 ending)

H. Smith

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy one,  
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, The Son.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.**

**Invitation to Mission and Ministry**

Eliecia Young

**\*Closing Hymn 477**

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*

Murray/attr. White

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Samuel Baker, organ

arr. A. Travis

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**Thank you to others who contributed their gifts to today:** including readers: Rev. Peg Nowling Williams; ushers: Richard Wien and Gene Tiesler; fellowship: Flora Holt, hostess with Kandee Tabor, preparer; our teachers: Melina Mineti, Christine Connelly, Nan Wilson, Sarah Oaks, Marcia McCarthy and Chris Oaks; our tech team: Scott and Susen McClellan, Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Naomi Chad, soprano; Xintong Li, mezzo-soprano; Joshua Gleason, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; and Samuel Baker, organ; Henry Griffin, piano, and 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!

**Today during Second Hour we will be Continuing the Conversations.** Gather back in the sanctuary after fellowship to brainstorm together what our church can do to really impact our community. Everyone is invited in the discussion.

**Join us after Second Hour at Long Acre Farm today.** Buy your tickets online or at the gate! Talk with Eliecia, pastoral assistant, if you have any questions or need ticket assistance.

**Taizé Services, Wednesdays—October through December:** On Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM, we will hold a Taizé-style service in the chapel. There will be readings, repetitive songs from the Taizé Community, silence, prayer, and mediation. This service enhances a deeper connection with God in a contemplative way. Please come and experience this unique and inspiring worship opportunity.

**OWLS Program on Thursday, October 17** will feature Elder Law Q & A with Tim Pelletier, Esq. Chair exercise 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com).

**Sleep In Heavenly Peace Bed Build-October 19 from 1-3 PM** is at Lowe's in Macedon. Anyone 11 and over can participate with an adult. Please let Sarah Oaks know if you have any questions or would like to sign up. If you cannot participate but want to donate bedding, that is an option. More details will be coming soon.

**Super Choral Sunday, October 20** will feature the First Rochester Choir with our Section Leaders and our Children's Choir.

**A Potluck Lunch** will be held following church on **October 20** in Hubbell Hall. We hope you will plan to stay, eat, and fellowship with us as we share a meal together. If you are able, please bring a dish to pass. Plan to place your own dish on the serving tables and take home any leftovers. See you then!

**FBCR Book Club, Tuesday, October 22:** *The Little Liar*, by Mitch Albom, is a powerful novel of hope and forgiveness. The story moves from a Greek city during World War II to America in the golden age of Hollywood. It explores themes of honesty, survival, revenge, devotion, and how love can redeem. All are welcome. Gathering at 11:30 AM; discussion at noon. Bring your own lunch.

**Jazz 'N Jeans Sunday, October 27** with the John Nyerges Band.

**We need Readers and Ushers in November.** A sign-up sheet is available at the table in the Garden Room.

**Handbell Choir is seeking ringers.** Beginning on **Wednesday, October 30** at 7:15 PM, join us on four Wednesday evenings as we practice music that will be played during worship on November 24. See Henry if you have any questions.