



**LIVE AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT.**

**WORSHIP OF GOD | OCTOBER 20, 2024**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

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

**Prelude**

*Air*  
Samuel Baker, organ

J. S. Bach

**Chiming of the Hour**

**Music for Gathering**

*Ani l'dodi* Yemenite-Hebrew Chant  
First Rochester Choir; Henry Griffin, director

Translation (from Song of Songs):

I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine  
That feedeth among the lilies...  
Set me as a seal upon your heart  
Set me as a seal upon your arm  
For love is strong as death.

**Welcome**

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**\*Hymn**

*Hallelujah! Praise Ye the Lord* arr. W. Fischer

Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah, praise ye the Lord!  
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelujah, praise ye the Lord!  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah,  
Praise ye the Lord, Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord!

**Call to Worship**

Kandee Tabor

One: All of our children belong to all of us, because that's what kinship does. It's a reminder of that dust we came from, and of that dust we will return to.

**All: It's a reminder that while we are here, we make room for the next generation to spring up from the soil and create a new landscape.**

One: So our Native children lead us. Our children of color lead us. Our daughters lead us. Our queer and nonbinary children lead us. Our disabled children lead us. The ones that are forgotten lead us. The ones that are told to be quiet at the dinner table lead us.

**All: If we are smart, we will let them lead. And if we are smart, we will see that we all return to Mystery, to God, and we are simply to learn what we can along the way, to embody humility, to stand up to bullies and show them the way to love and peace. And so this day we thank God for children as we worship together.**

(adapted from resources for Children's Sabbath—Kaitlin Curtice, Children's Defense League)

**Hymn**

*Deep and Wide*

Deep and wide, deep and wide  
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.  
Deep and wide, deep and wide,  
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

**Scripture Reading**

*Matthew 19:13-14*

Kandee Tabor

**Morning Prayer for Children**

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon  
and Eliecia Young

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Unison Lord's Prayer**

**Special Music**

*Children of Light*

Ralph P. Merrifield  
Text: Ephesians 5:8-9

First Rochester Children's Choir; Doleen Hood, piano; Henry Griffin, director

**Children's Time**

Eliecia Young

**\*Hymn 502**

*Be Thou My Vision*

Irish hymn  
arr. Jack Schrader

**Scripture**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Sermon**

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**Giving our Gifts to God & Dedication**

**Music in  
Response**

*Song of Life*

Sandy Scofield  
arr. Will Zwozdesky  
(SOCAN) from "Ketwam"

Section leaders of the First Rochester Choir; Henry Griffin, director

**\*Doxology 34**

*Praise God*

T. Ken; L. Bourgeois  
*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 408

*I am Thine, O Lord*

Crosby/Doane

Benediction

Postlude

*Prelude in Classical Style*  
Samuel Baker, organ

G. Young

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### INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

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**Thank you to others who contributed their gifts today:** including reader: Kande Tabor; ushers: Richard Wien and Mike Ryan; fellowship: YOU—potluck in Hubbell Hall; our teachers: Melina Mineti, Bethany Aitkenhead, Nan Wilson, and Marcia MCarthy; our tech team: Wes Selleck, Oliver Hood, Maddox Young, Glenn Stahl, and Janet Richardson; and our musicians: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo-soprano; Jiabao Guo, 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!

**Join us for a Potluck in Hubbell Hall after service today!**

**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 Programs: Tuesday, Oct. 22** *Wild Wings Birds of Prey Tour* -10:15 leave FBC, a bag lunch to follow. **On Thursday, October 24** we will be *Sharing the Birds of Prey Tour*. Chair exercise 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com).

**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 is Next Sunday, October 27** with the John Nyerges Band.

**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.