



a solitary place...

WORSHIP OF GOD | MARCH 9, 2025

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Elicia Young, pastoral assistant

Henry Griffin, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude	<i>The Glory of These Forty Days</i>	Joh. Pachelbel
Chiming of the Hour		
Music for Gathering	<i>Fantasiestück, Op. 111, No. 2 in A-flat major</i>	Robert Schumann Cooper Labinger, piano
Welcome		Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Invitation to Worship		Jean Garling

One: We come to this place to worship God.

All: It is our worship that consecrates this space and makes it holy.

One: We are the church together, whenever, wherever we come together to worship God.

All: In fact WE are the church, not any place or space or building.

One: We have come seeking how to be God's disciples in this world.

All: Bless O God our worship as we come to you.

The Community Prays

Our God, we confess to knowing more about how you would have us be than actually being that way. We confess to professing more in the singing of our hymns and the praying of our prayers, than we make known in our daily living. We confess our ambivalence, our confusion, our frustration, and our apathy about the discrepancy between what we believe and what we do. We confess to justifying our compromises. We confess to enjoying and holding onto our privilege. But we also confess to trusting you in and through our failures. We confess to clinging to your grace. In all humility, we offer, our sincere thanksgiving for your grace in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn	<i>And Can It Be</i>	#366
Scriptures	<i>Matthew 6:5-8</i>	Jean Garling
Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns and the Lord's Prayer in unison		Elicia Young
Special Music	<i>Eyes of Heaven</i> First Rochester Choir; Cooper Labinger, piano; Henry Griffin, director	Ruth Elaine Schram
Children's Time		Kandee Tabor
*Hymn	<i>Open My Eyes, That I May See</i>	#480
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Mark 1:35-39</i>	

**congregation sings, please stand if able*

Sermon	<i>A Solitary Place</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Giving our Gifts and Dedication		
Music for response	<i>Song without Words</i> <i>Op. 85, No. 4 in D major, "Elegy"</i>	F. Mendelssohn, Cooper Labinger, piano
Doxology	<i>Give Thanks</i> (No repeats)	#359
Invitation to Mission and Ministry		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Lord, Who Throughout these Forty Days</i>	#252
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Andante alla Marcia</i>	F. Mendelssohn



Thank you to those who contributed their gifts today including ushers: Ken Hines and Gene Tiesler; reader: Jean Garling; fellowship: Kandee Tabor; our nursery: Melina Mineti, Christine Connelly; our teachers: Nan Wilson, Judy Oaks; our youth leaders: Chris and Sarah Oaks; our tech team: Scott and Susen McClellan, Janet Richardson, and Glenn Stahl; and our musicians; section leaders: Naomi Chad, soprano; Emma Unkrich, mezzo; Joshua Gleason, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, organ; Cooper Labinger, piano, and Henry Griffin, 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!

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INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

Children depart following Children's Time for Sunday School with Children's Music after.

Reminder: Our Youth Group is heading on a field trip to Eastview Mall and will leave after the Children's Time. Make sure you've seen Pastor Eliecia to sign the permission slip.

America For Christ Special Offering is still accepting gifts this week. Envelopes may be found in the pew rack. AFC funds help create new ministries, develop leaders, aid impoverished children, support spiritual caregivers, and promote discipleship across America and Puerto Rico.

Wednesdays during Lent: March 12—Morehouse Glee Choir Field Trip at Asbury First (\$25/admission); Wednesday, March 19, 26, and April 2—Read and discuss *American Christian Nationalism, Neither American Nor Christian* by Michael W. Austin; April 9, Taizé Service; no Wednesday program during Holy Week; instead April 17—Maundy Thursday Meal & Service.

Throughout Lent, join us as we independently read *Walking in the Wilderness: Seeking God During Lent* by Beth A. Richardson. During Second Hour on Sundays, we will gather together with Rev. Ivan Marable as he leads us in a discussion on *Reflections of the Wilderness in Three (D)*. Check with Eliecia or Janet if you need a copy of the book for \$15.

OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on March 13, sharing *Assist Devices: the proper tools to minimize risk*. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to Kandeé at kandeetabor@gmail.com.

Dance Night is coming! Saturday, March 22, join us from 5-7PM in Hubbell Hall. We will have pizza, bring a snack or dessert to share, and be ready to do some line dancing...fun for all ages!

Section Leader and Director Recital, March 23—following worship— with *The Beastly and the Beautiful* featuring tunes from *Beauty and the Beast* and other musical theater gems.

FBCR Book Club will meet on March 25 at 11:30 AM and will discuss *The Hundred-foot Journey* by Richard Morais.

Our Lent giving focus will be on Cameron Community Ministries. First, you are invited to bring diapers size 4 and larger or pull-ups to church any week before Easter. Second, plan to stay and help fill hygiene kits on March 30 for our next intergenerational mission project day to help support their street ministry! All items will then be delivered to Cameron after Easter. Thank you for your help!

Fellowship Time Help Needed. Would you consider signing up for fellowship preparation? What do you need to do? Set out cold beverages (supplied); self-serve coffee is there; add a treat (homemade to store-purchased—reimbursement or sponsorship available); then just clean-up after. We would be grateful for your help.

Our Care Team is seeking leftover unused cards: birthday, sympathy, get well, and all occasion cards and notes. Cards may be placed in either the adult or kids card bins on the Vitality Table below the TV in the Hall outside of the Garden Room.

Our daytime Church Custodian will be on Paternity Leave to care for his new daughter from March 11 through May 30. We are asking for church members to commit to doing some of his jobs to make our church shine. You can sign up for a week(s) or a specific job(s) in the Garden Room or by emailing Janet@rochesterfbc.org. We can pay with our time and our hands or with our money for a service. Even your Senior Pastor has cleaned a bathroom here a time or two. I will sign up, will you? *Pastor Joanne*

Meeting Updates: Our next Trustees meeting is on March 17; Council meeting will be held on April 8 to move it out of Holy Week. Both on Zoom at 6:00 PM.