

Ministry is Messy!



WORSHIP OF GOD | JUNE 22, 2025

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Rev. Peg Nowling Williams, guest preacher

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

Samuel Baker, organist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude	<i>Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit</i> Samuel Baker, organ	Dietrich Buxtehude
Chiming of the Hour		
Music for Gathering	<i>I Have the Joy</i> George Haefele, piano	George W. Cooke
Welcome		Eliecia Young
Invitation to Worship		Sarah and Seth Oaks
One:	Why have you come to this place?	
ALL:	We have come to find Jesus.	
One:	Why have you come today?	
ALL:	We are tired in body and spirit.	
One:	Jesus bids you sit and be at ease.	
ALL:	We are hungry with nothing to eat.	
One:	Come and eat your fill.	
ALL:	But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.	
One:	There is plenty for all.	
ALL:	Will we find wholeness here?	
One:	Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.	
*Hymn	<i>Gather Us In</i>	#649
Scriptures	<i>Ephesians 3:14-21</i>	Sarah and Seth Oaks
Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns with Unison Lord's Prayer		Rev. Peg Nowling Williams
Special Music	<i>Dire, Dire Docks from Super Mario 64</i> Todd Haefele, piano	Koji Kondo
Children's Time		Eliecia Young
*Hymn	<i>Be Still and Know</i>	#450
Scripture and Prayer	<i>John 6:1-15</i>	

Sermon

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Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music in Response

Modal Piece

Jean Langlais

Samuel Baker, organ

*Doxology

Give Thanks (no repeats)

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

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

#551

Benediction

Postlude

Praise Ye the Lord

Hans Micheelsen

Samuel Baker, organ

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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

TODAY:

- Thank you to the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work. We appreciate all you do!
- Check out the sign-up opportunities on the table in the Garden Room.
- The Mission Team will meet in the Library following a brief fellowship.

THIS WEEK:

- Join us for *Koinonia Koffee* in the Parlor, Tuesday at 10:00 AM, for coffee, tea, or water, and conversation.
- FBC Book club will meet to discuss *Search* from Michelle Huneven, a critically acclaimed, award-winning author. *Search* is a sharp and funny novel of a congregational search committee, told as a memoir with recipes.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on Thursday, June 26, will be *1960's Broadway Shows*, Doris Adamek will review the major Broadway shows of that decade. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 29 is 5th Sunday Mission Project Day! We will be making snack bags for Cameron Community Ministries' street ministry.
- July 19—The Pride Parade will be held. Details to come.
- July 20—The Pride Service will be at Immanuel Baptist Church at 3:00 PM.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- June is the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Special Offering month, collecting your gifts June 8 through June 29. When you give to OGHS, you can *BE THE LIGHT* to people in need across the world. This offering supports disaster relief, ministries to displaced persons, and development projects of the American Baptist Churches and its partners.
- Communion Sunday Giving. The missions team is asking the congregation to donate jams, jellies, and Chef Boyardee products for the Center for Youth each first Sunday of the month.

SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE:

- Fellowship Time; Readers and Ushers—Readers for July and August are needed!
- We have begun our time of “Playground Church” for the summer months. We need at least one person to help Melina monitor our children each week. Please sign up for one or as many Sundays as you are able.

MEETINGS:

- Mission Meeting will be held today, Sunday, June 22 at 11:15 AM to noon in the library.
- There will be no Council Meeting in July. The next meeting is August 19th on Zoom.
- Trustees Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 21 on Zoom at 6:00 PM.

OUR LEADERSHIP:

- If you have any interest in a specific FBCR ministry, don't hesitate to contact a committee chairperson for details: Marilyn McClellan (Care Team), Nan Wilson (Christian Education), Bob Oaks (Council), Kandee Tabor (Fellowship), Chris Oaks (Treasurer—giving); Elyssa Barszewski and Melissa Spooner (co-chairs of Mission), Dave Hood (Personnel); Richard Wien (Trustees), and Judy Oaks (Worship).