



Mission Connections

WORSHIP OF GOD | JUNE 29, 2025 | 5th SUNDAY MISSION PROJECT

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Samuel Baker, organist**

ORDER OF WORSHIP | 5TH SUNDAY MISSION PROJECT DAY

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

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude	<i>Cantilena</i> (from Sonata in D Minor) Samuel Baker, organ	Josef Rheinberger
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Welcome and Invitation to Mission and Ministry	Eliecia Young
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Invitation to Worship	written by Rev. Brett Strobel, 2004	Carol Stahl
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One: Let us pray for the poor;

All: For theirs is the kingdom of God.

One: Let us pray for those who are hungry now;

All: For they will be filled.

One: Let us pray for those who weep;

All: For they will laugh.

One: Let us pray for the despised and excluded;

All: For in that day they shall leap for joy, for surely their reward is great in heaven.

*Hymn	<i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>	#575
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Scriptures	<i>Micah 6:6-8</i>	Carol Stahl
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Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns with Unison Lord's Prayer	Eliecia Young
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Special Music	<i>He shall feed his flock</i> (from Messiah) Janelle Cannon, soprano; Samuel Baker, organ	G. F. Handel
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Scripture and Prayer	<i>Matthew 25:34-40</i>
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Meditation	<i>Mission Connections</i>	Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant
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*Benediction Hymn	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	#712
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Postlude	<i>Alle Breve</i> Samuel Baker, organ	J. F. K. Fischer
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Today's offering will be collected as you exit the sanctuary.

INVITATION TO MISSION AND 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!

TODAY:

- Today is 5th Sunday Mission Project Day! We will be making snack bags for Cameron Community Ministries' street ministry at the end of worship in the Narthex and Garden Room.
- 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 last day to order your *God Is Love*, Pride Shirt for \$20. Sign-up in the Garden Room.

THIS WEEK:

- Join us for *Koinonia Koffee* in the Parlor, Tuesday at 10:00 AM, for coffee, tea, or water, and conversation.
- There will be no OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) program this week on July 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 19—The Pride Parade will be held. Details to come. Did you order a shirt?
- July 20—The Pride Service will be at Immanuel Baptist Church at 3:00 PM.
- FBCR Book Group; *The Love of My Life*, by Rosie Walsh, July 29 (5th Tuesday) at 11:30 AM.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Today concludes our collection of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. 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.
- Next Sunday is **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:

- Want a First Rochester *God is Love* Pride T-shirt for \$20? Sign up in the Garden Room today.
- 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:

- 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).



BE THE LIGHT

SPECIAL OFFERING CONCLUDES TODAY!

SHINING THE LIGHT ON FOOD SECURITY.

Orfelina works with families in the northern regions of Honduras to help them understand how to transform their families and communities through agriculture. The list of things she does is mindboggling: Checking on local farmers' harvest. Monitoring water projects. Teaching the women in the community how to prepare more nutritious meals for their families. Chatting up community leaders for support. Running workshops for things like creating organic fertilizers and sprays.

But Orfelina doesn't just work with farmers and their families, she supports and encourages them. Visiting them in their homes. Bringing God's light to everyone she meets. And all of this is made possible through your giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. Because of your giving, projects like these and thousands more around the world are changing lives. Transforming communities. And spreading God's light. Be the Light. Give to One Great Hour of Sharing.

**One Great
HOUR**
OF SHARING



*You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—**shine!***
— Matthew 5:14-15