

Why do we have to sleep?

Why are bees so important?

Why are there so many trees?

Why are they teaching animals  
to do what humans do?

I wonder...

about the infinity of space.

Why are people  
destroying the world?

Why are there so many animals  
in the world?

Why are numbers infinite?

Why are they trying to make a  
wooly mammoth again?

What is the meaning of  
world and zero?

Why are there so many churches?

Why is  
grass  
a thing?

How is  
our  
universe  
perfect?

Why is soccer  
a popular sport?

WORSHIP OF GOD | CHILDREN'S SUNDAY | JUNE 8, 2025

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Eliecia 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>Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude
Chiming of the Hour		
Music Greeting	<i>Let My Life Bring Praise to You Lord</i> First Rochester Children's Choir; Henry Griffin, piano	The Raise Kids
Welcome		Royal Perry
Invitation to Worship		Aria Wilson
One: A reading from Psalm 8. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.		
<b>All: Your glory is higher than the heavens. You have taught children and babies to tell of your strength, silencing your enemies and all who oppose you.</b>		
One: When I look up at the night sky and see the work of your fingers— the moon and the stars you set in place—		
<b>All: what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings, that you should care for them?</b>		
One: You made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.		
<b>All: You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority—</b>		
One: the flocks and the herds and all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents.		
<b>All: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen!</b>		
I wonder questions		Andrew, Mitchell, Gavin, Maddox, Mia, George, Aria
Hymn Reading and *Song	<i>Praise Him, Praise Him #95</i>	George Haefele
Scriptures	<i>Romans 15:7-13, The Message</i>	Seth and Leah Oaks
So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now <i>you</i> do it! Jesus, staying true to God's purposes, reached out in a special way to the Jewish insiders so that the old ancestral promises would come true for them. As a result, the non-Jewish outsiders have been able to experience mercy and to show appreciation to God. Just think of all the scriptures that will come true in what we do!		
For instance: Then I'll join outsiders in a hymn-sing; I'll sing to your name!		
And this one: Outsiders and insiders, rejoice together!		
And again: People of all nations, celebrate God! All colors and races, give hearty praise!		
And Isaiah's word: There's the root of our ancestor Jesse, breaking through the earth and		

growing tree tall. Tall enough for everyone everywhere to see and take hope!

Oh! May the God of green hope fill you up with joy, fill you up with peace, so that your believing lives, filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, will brim over with hope!

Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns  
with Unison Lord's Prayer

Harmony Perry  
Eliecia Young

Special Music

*God of Wonders*  
First Rochester Children's Choir; Henry Griffin, piano

Paul Baloché

Scripture and Prayer

*Psalm 19:1*

Sermon

*The Wonder of God and the Distractions of the World*

Oliver Hood

Hymn Reading and \*Song

*To God be the Glory #66*

Amelia Wilson

Adult Time

Judy Oaks and the Kids

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Maddox Young

Music in Response

*Come Down, O Love Divine #330*

\*Doxology

*Give Thanks (No repeats)*

#359

Closing Hymn Reading and \*Song

*We Will Glorify #337*

Andrew Wilson

Invitation to Mission and Ministry and Gifting of Bibles

Benediction

Gavin Smith

One: God made a truly wonderful world.

**All: We proclaim the wonders of God's love.**

One: We stand in wonder of all that God is doing in the world. We keep our eyes open.

**All: We proclaim the wonders of God's love.**

One: Even as we wonder about why bad things might happen, we keep our hearts open.

**All: We proclaim the wonders of God's love.**

One: God gives us the gift of being able to wonder about where God's hand is at work. We keep our imaginations open.

**All: We proclaim the wonders of God's love.**

One: May you never cease to wonder what God has done for you through Jesus Christ.  
And may the blessing of the Almighty God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain on you forever. Amen.

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## INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

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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!***

### TODAY:

- This is Children's Sunday. A special thank you goes out to our children and their leaders for today's service.
- Thank you to the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work. You are appreciated!
- Please join us in the front of the Sanctuary for a Pentecost Sunday Picture at the conclusion of today's service.
- Following the Pentecost Sunday Picture, we will gather in Hubbell Hall for a Potluck meal. Everyone is welcome to eat and fellowship with us!

### THIS WEEK:

- Join us for *Koinonia Koffee* in the Parlor, Tuesday at 10 AM, for coffee, tea, or water, and conversation.
- Council meeting: Tuesday, June 10, on Zoom at 6:00 PM.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on Thursday, June 12, will be *Buried Bones: a historical mystery and discussion on opioid traffic*. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com).

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Next Sunday begins "Playground Church." Monitors needed. See details in Sign-ups below.
- Next Sunday, June 15 we will say farewell to Henry Griffin, Music Director.
- June 29 is 5th Sunday Mission Project Day!

### 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.

### SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE:

- Fellowship Time; Readers and Ushers—Readers for June are needed!
- Next week begins "Playground Church" for the kids! If you're able to help attend to children during worship service a few times this summer, please get signed up in the Garden Room!

### MEETINGS:

- Council will meet on Tuesday, June 10 on Zoom at 6:00 PM.
- Trustees Meeting will be held on Monday, June 16 in person in the library at 6:00 PM.
- Mission Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 22 at 11:15 AM to noon in the library.

### 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), Kande Tabor (Fellowship), and Elyssa Barszewski and Melissa Spooner (co-chairs of Mission), Richard Wien (Trustees), and Judy Oaks (Worship)