



# PRAYER

**WORSHIP OF GOD | JULY 27 2025**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

**175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | [rochesterfbc.org](http://rochesterfbc.org)**

**Rev. Lawrence Hargrave, 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.*

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* arr, J. Behnke

Welcome Eliecia Young

Invitation To Worship Betsy Vipperman

One: Sweet hour of prayer, it calls us from a world of care.

**All: Prayer bids us come to God with needs and cares.**

One: Sweet hour of prayer, it calls us to seek and knock.

**All: You, O God, bid us to seek your face, believing and trusting.**

One: We seek you now together, in this hour of prayer and worship, song, and word.

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* (vs. 1, 2, & 5) #411

Scripture *Psalm 85* Betsy Vipperman

Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns  
with the Lord's Prayer in unison Eliecia Young

Special Music *Lord, God of Abraham* F. Mendelssohn  
Ashton Rapp, baritone; Samuel Baker, piano

Children's Time Eliecia Young

\*Hymn *The Lord's Prayer* #740

Scripture and Prayer *Luke 11:1-13*

Sermon *A Message to Send* Rev. Lawrence Hargrave

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music in Response *I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ* J. S. Bach

Doxology *Praise God*

**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

Eliecia Young

\*Closing Hymn

*If My People's Hearts Are Humbled*

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Benediction

Postlude

*Now in the Name of God We Go*

H. Walcha

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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:

- Thank you to the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work. We appreciate you!
- Join us in the Garden Room, adjacent to the Sanctuary, for Fellowship Time following worship.

### THIS WEEK:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on Thursday, July 31, will be our annual paper plate awards. 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:

- FBCR Book Group: *The Love of My Life*, by Rosie Walsh, July 29 (5th Tuesday) at 11:30 AM.
- Wednesday Studies will resume in the fall on Wednesday, October 1 with a Bible study on the book of Timothy for two weeks, followed with a study on the book of Titus for one week led by Pastor Joanne. Plans are underway for a study on the book of Ephesians, a Service of Gratitude in November, and a three-week Advent program to conclude the 2025 programs.
- Save the dates: Cantata, December 7, and Children's Christmas Program, December 14.

### GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Next week 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 IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- Our after-worship fellowship time has several openings through summer and beyond; please consider serving one Sunday.
- We need one reader for the end of August and Ushers throughout the summer.
- Would you like to receive a copy of the prayers mentioned in worship plus any that come to the church office with the request that it be shared? Sign up on the prayer list sheet.
- 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:

- The Trustees are scheduled to meet on August 18 at 6 PM on Zoom.
- The next Council meeting is August 19th on Zoom at 6 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), Kande 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).