



Speak Out

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WORSHIP OF GOD | AUGUST 10, 2025

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant
Joshua Johnstone, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude	<i>We All Believe in One True God</i>	Joh. L. Krebs
Chiming of the Hour		
For Meditation	<i>Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... defend the rights of the poor and needy.</i>	— Proverbs 31:8-9
Music for Meditation	<i>'Songs Without Words' Op. 19 No. 1 F</i>	Mendelssohn
Welcome		Eliecia Young
Invitation To Worship		Royal and Eric Perry
One:	As we come to worship, may You open our hearts to be channels of Your peace.	
All:	As we come, may You open us to be generous in our love for others, in Your name.	
One:	As we come, may we surrender to Your will and way.	
All:	As we come, show us how to be faithful in service. Let us worship God.	
*Hymn	<i>Make Me A Channel of Your Peace</i>	#587
Scripture	<i>Isaiah 1:1, 10-23, NIV</i>	Eric and Royal Perry
Special Music	<i>Summertime</i> Janelle Cannon, soprano; Joshua Johnstone, piano	G. Gershwin
Children's Time		
Morning Prayer:	Sharing our joys and concerns with the Lord's prayer in unison	Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
*Hymn	<i>We are Called to Be God's People</i>	#580
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Proverbs 31:8-9</i>	
Sermon	<i>Serving the Cause of Justice Today</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music in Response	<i>God's Time is Best</i> (<i>Sinfonia to Canata No. 106</i>)	J. S. Bach
Doxology	<i>We Give Thee But Thine Own</i>	#688
<p><i>We give thee but thine own, whate're the gift ,may be; all that we have is but thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.</i></p>		
Invitation to Mission and Ministry		Eliecia Young
*Closing Hymn	<i>The Trees of the Field</i>	#710
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	arr. A. Travis



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!

INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

TODAY:

- Our kids will be excused after Children's Time for Playground Church.
- 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, August 14, will be *Special Guests from Roc Dog*. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- FBCR Book Group: *By Any Other Name*, by Jodi Picoult, August 26 at 11:30 AM.
- We will kick-off our Sunday School Program year on September 14. Look for more details to come. If you are willing to assist the Children's Programs in some way, please see Eliecia.
- 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:

- **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. The September and October sign-up sheets are also available.
- 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? Call the office or sign up on the prayer list sheet.

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), 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).