



You know how to interpret
the appearance of

EARTH and SKY,

but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Luke 12:56



WORSHIP OF GOD | AUGUST 17, 2025

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Joshua Johnstone, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

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| Prelude | <i>Pathetique, Mov. 2</i> | L.V. Beethoven |
| Chiming of the Hour | | |
| For Meditation | <i>Relationships in your local community are crucial because lasting change happens when people work together. — Joy Pettigrew</i> | |
| Music for Meditation | <i>Chorale No. 306</i> | J.S. Bach |
| Welcome | | Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon |
| Invitation To Worship | <i>(Luke 7:22 adapted for worship, jgc)</i> | Kandee Tabor |
| One: | Jesus tells us that by the power of the Spirit of God, the blind receive their sight, | |
| All: | the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and healed. | |
| One: | Jesus reminds us that through God's power, the deaf hear, | |
| All: | the dead are raised up to new life. | |
| One: | Jesus preached <i>Good News to the poor; justice to the oppressed.</i> | |
| All: | May we do the same, as we prepare ourselves for service through worship. | |
| *Hymn | <i>All Creatures of our God and King</i> | #23 |
| Scripture | <i>Hebrews 11:29-12:2</i> | Kandee Tabor |
| Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns with the Lord's Prayer in unison | | Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon |
| Special Music | <i>Abide With Me</i> | Sally DeFord |
| Children's Time | | Elicia Young |
| *Hymn | <i>Healer of Our Every Ill</i> | #630 |
| Scripture and Prayer | <i>Luke 12:49-56</i> | |
| Sermon | <i>When it is really hard to understand</i> | Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon |

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music in Response

The Girl with the Flaxen Hair

C. Debussy

Doxology

Praise God

***Praise God from whom all blessing 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

For the Healing of the Nations

#621

Benediction

Postlude

Graduation

George Winston



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:

- 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 21, will be a review of four books about dogs in the *Forever Home Series* by author Dan Walsh. 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.
- On Fifth Sunday, August 31, we will create 300 hygiene kits for Cameron Community Ministries' Street Ministry as this quarter's after church hands-on mission project.
- We will kick off our Sunday School Program year on September 14. There will be an extended fellowship time with ice cream and games following worship. If you are willing to assist the Children's Programs in any way, please see Eliecia.
- Children's music will begin on September 21 with Joshua Johnstone, music director.
- 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, both 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 campus in the library.
- The next Council meeting is August 19th on Zoom at 6 PM.
- The Mission Team will meet on September 21 following worship in the library.