



Share Food with the Hungry

WORSHIP OF GOD | AUGUST 24, 2025

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude

Allegretto

C. V. Stanford

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation

You shall be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose water shall not fail. —Isaiah 18:11

Music for Meditation

Joy

G. Winston

Welcome and Invocation

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Invitation To Worship

JoAnn Trolley

One: Let us praise our God, praise God's Holy name.

All: Let us praise our God, and never forget God's gifts to us.

One: God, who forgives us all our sins,

All: God who heals our every ill.

One: God who crowns us with love and compassion.

All: We are renewed to serve, let us worship now.

*Hymn

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Responsive Scripture

Isaiah 58:1-14 True Fasting

JoAnn Trolley

One: *Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.*

Declare to my people their rebellion and to the descendants of Jacob their sins.

ALL: For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God.

They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

One: *Why have we fasted, they say, and you have not seen it?*

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?

Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please and exploit all your workers.

ALL: Your fasting ends in quarreling and strife, and in striking each other with wicked fists.

You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.

One: *Is this the kind of fast I have chosen, only a day for people to humble themselves?*

Is it only for bowing one's head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes?

Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

ALL: Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

One: *Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?*

ALL: Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.

One: Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk,
ALL: and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

One: The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

ALL: Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; You will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

One: If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the Lord's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words,

ALL: then you will find your joy in the Lord, and I will cause you to ride in triumph on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Special Music

You'll Never Walk Alone

M. Hayes

Children's Time

Pastor Joanne

*Hymn

Break Now the Bread of Life

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Scripture and Prayer

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

The Point On Which It Hinges

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music in Response

In Christ There Is No East Nor West

arr. J. Biery

Doxology

*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

*Closing Hymn

Because He Lives

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Benediction

Postlude

Little Prelude and Fugue

J. T. Kreb

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 children 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 28, features Sarah and Sasha Yaworsky with *Odd Jobs*. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- Please help us by taking the FBCR Mission and Ministry Survey found in your email, linked through the QR code to the right, or using a paper copy found on a table in the Narthex, Garden Room, or Hallway.



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 begin 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.
- CRCDS Fall Lecture Series will be held September 15-18, 2025. See the Bulletin Board in the hall or go to crcds.edu/lectures for details.
- 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: A Special Advent Music in worship featuring our Adult Choir on December 7, and our Children's Christmas Program on 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. The next First Sunday is September 7.

SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- Our after-worship fellowship time has many openings this fall, please consider signing up to serve one Sunday.
- Be an usher/greeter or reader this fall. The September and October sign-up sheets are now available.