



God
saw it was
Good

WORSHIP OF GOD | SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 14, 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 *Cantelina* (from Sonata in D Minor) J. Rheinberger

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation *How shall we now delight in God and each other?*

Music for Meditation *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis

Welcome, Invocation Marcia McCarthy

Unison Prayer

Source of our delight and rejoicing. You have called us to assemble to sing your praise, to pray together, and to hear your word of call. Unite our hearts and minds by the power of your spirit that we might feast on your Goodness and be filled to serve in the world. Amen.

Invitation To Worship

One: Your love, O God reaches up to the heavens and down to the valleys.

All: Your goodness and mercy follow us wherever we go.

One: We have come to feast on your abundance, your goodness and your grace.

All: We come empty to be filled, as we worship you, Our God.

*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful , We Adore Thee* #59

Responsive Scripture *Psalms 8* Marcia McCarthy

One: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens.

ALL: Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

One: When we consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

ALL: what is humankind that you are mindful of us, human beings that you care for us?

One: You have made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.

ALL: You made us the rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under our feet:

One: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

ALL: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

*Hymn

Deep and Wide

Deep and wide, Deep and wide
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide
Deep and wide, Deep and wide
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide

Children's Time

Special Music

Sing Me to Heaven

Daniel E. Gawthrop

Scripture and Prayer

Genesis 1

Sermon

In The Beginning

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

Now Blessed Be Thou, Christ Jesu

J. S. Bach

*Doxology

Give Thanks, v.1
(disregard repeats)

#359

Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, The Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong;" let the poor say
"I am rich;" because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give Thanks.

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn

The Trees of the Field

#710

Benediction

Postlude

Hymn of Joy

arr. A. Travis

Please join us in the Courtyard for a Sundae Sunday Fellowship, with
a "make-your-own sundae" buffet sponsored by our Christian Education Team.

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:

- Welcome to our Section Leaders: Naomi Chad; soprano; Arianna Potluri, mezzo-soprano; Zachary Thompson, tenor; and Ashton Rapp; baritone.
- Our children will be excused for Sunday School following Children's Time.
- Join us in the Courtyard, for a "make-your-own" **Sundae Sunday Celebration** during fellowship, following worship.
- We appreciate the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.

THIS WEEK:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on Thursday, September 18, will feature *Armchair Travel #2 to Borneo*. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Next Sunday, September 21, children's music will begin with Joshua Johnstone, music director following Sunday School.
- Next Sunday Forum, September 21, during 2nd Hour, Tasha Wilson will share information on the ABC-USA structure and organization. Come learn more about American Baptists.
- Book Club will meet on September 23 at 11:30 to discuss *Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead.
- Wednesday Studies will resume in the fall on Wednesday, October 1, with a Bible study on the book of *Timothy* for two weeks, followed by 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.
- On October 22, 6PM, The Interfaith group of Rochester Housing Action Collective will be held at First Rochester, a seminar discussing the issue of homelessness in our county.
- Save the dates: Special Advent Music in worship featuring our Adult Choir on December 7, and our Children's Christmas Program on December 14.

GIVING:

- Dinner Benefit for Cameron Community Ministries at Tully's, Jefferson Road, on September 16. Pick up your coupon in the Garden Room for 10% of your meal (before taxes) to be donated. One coupon per receipt must be presented (no gift cards) for CCM to receive the donation.
- Through the ABC International Ministries' World Mission Offering, *you* can take part in "new things God is doing through global mission." This Special Offering will be collected later this month.
- Communion Sunday Giving. Each first Sunday of the month, the Missions Team is asking the congregation to donate jams, jellies, and Chef Boyardee products for the Center for Youth.

SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- Our after-worship fellowship time has many openings this fall to provide a light snack (that you provide or the church provides). Please consider signing up to serve one Sunday.
- Be an usher/greeter or reader this fall. The September and October sign-up sheet is now available with one Sunday still open.

MEETINGS:

- Trustees—September 15 at 6 PM on Zoom; Council—September 16th on Zoom at 6 PM; and Missions Team—September 28 following worship in the library.