



# Which side of the gate are you on?

**WORSHIP OF GOD | SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

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**Rev. Lawrence Hargrave, guest preacher**

**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>Soliloquy</i>	G. Young
Chiming of the Hour		
For Meditation		
	<i>I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. —Psalm 146:2-3</i>	
Music for Meditation	<i>Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</i>	arr. J. Johnstone
Welcome and Invocation		Rev. Peg Williams
Invitation To Worship		
One:	God, who comes to us in Word and Spirit, calls us to a table set for all who hunger.	
All:	<b>We hunger for grace and forgiveness; we hunger for justice and peace.</b>	
One:	God knows and meets our deepest hungers with bread, which always satisfies.	
All:	<b>Thanks be to God who blesses and feeds all human yearnings, and who does this through our feeble, simple human hands.</b>	
*Hymn	<i>When Peace Like a River (It is Well with My Soul)</i>	#428
Scripture	<i>Psalm 91:1-6; 14-16</i>	Rev. Peg Williams
Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns with unison Lord's Prayer		Eliecia Young
Special Music	<i>Swing Down Chariot</i>	arr. Adam Scott
	Naomi Chad, soprano; Arianna Potluri, mezzo; Zachary Thompson, tenor; Ashton Rapp, baritone	
Children's Time		Eliecia Young
*Hymn	<i>Blessed Quietness</i>	See page 4 & 5
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Luke 16:19-31</i>	
Sermon	<i>Which Side of the Gate Are You On?</i>	Rev. Lawrence Hargrave

Giving our Gifts to God, World Mission Offering, and Dedication		Eliecia Young
Music for Response	<i>I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ</i>	S. Scheidt
*Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
	<b>Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, praise God, the heavenly host, Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen.</b>	
Invitation to Mission and Ministry		Eliecia Young
*Closing Hymn	<i>God Be with You Till We Meet Again</i>	#716
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>In Peace and Joy I Now Depart</i>	J. S. Bach





1. Joys are flow - ing like a riv - er, Since the  
 2. Bring-ing life and health and glad - ness, All a -  
 3. Like the rain that falls from heav - en, Like the  
 4. See, a fruit - ful field is grow - ing, Bless - ed  
 5. What a won - der - ful sal - va - tion, Where we



3 Com - fort - er has come; He a - bides with us for -  
 round this heav'n-ly Guest, Ban-ished un - be - lief and  
 sun - light from the sky, So the Ho - ly Ghost is  
 fruit of right-eous-ness; And the streams of life are  
 al - ways see His face! What a per - fect hab - i -



## Blessed Quietness

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ev - er, Makes the trust - ing heart His home.  
 sad - ness, Changed our wea - ri - ness to rest.  
 giv - en, Com - ing on us from on high.  
 flow - ing In the lone - ly wil - der - ness.  
 ta - tion, What a qui - et rest - ing place!

## Refrain

Bless - ed qui - et - ness, ho - ly qui - et - ness, What as -

11

sur - ance in my soul! On the storm-y sea He speaks

14

peace to me, How the bil - lows cease to roll!

# ONE GLOBAL SERVANT SPOTLIGHT



See, I am doing a new thing!  
**Now it springs up;**  
**do you not perceive it?**

ISAIAH 43:19

## SERVING THE **Karen People in Thailand**

### **ERIC AND YUREE LEMBKE**

Eric and Yuree Lembke serve at the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School and College (KKBBSC) located in Mae La Refugee Camp near Mae Sot, Thailand. Young adults, mainly from the Karen ethnic group, attend the school to pursue a degree in ministry to serve as Christian leaders within the refugee camps and to internally displaced persons in the areas along the Thai/Myanmar border. Eric and Yuree's ministry focuses on working with refugees through education, discipleship and evangelism. At the school, they teach English and ministry classes. They also travel with KKBBSC students and staff to villages in Karen State, Myanmar, to teach and conduct Bible classes.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

- 1 Pray for the Karen people, as they continue to face oppression.
- 2 Pray for our students who have decided to serve our Lord by first preparing with theological education and for the educators preparing them.
- 3 Pray for the ongoing turmoil that is occurring in Myanmar (Burma).

Join in and give to this and other **Global Servants** around the world. The **World Mission Offering** will be collected on Sunday, September 28. Please use the envelopes in the pews or write WMO in the memo line of your check. Thank you!



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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:

- Our children will be excused for Sunday School following Children's Time with Children's Choir during Second Hour.
- Join us in the Garden Room, adjacent to the sanctuary, for fellowship following worship.
- During Second Hour today, there will be a Missions Team Meeting in the library and any interested individual, not already engaged in one of our Second Hour programs, may choose to gather in the parlor to write messages on cards for healing, sympathy, encouragement, and care to be mailed to those among us in need.
- We appreciate the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.

### THIS WEEK:

- Our Wednesday study will begin this week on October 1, from 6:00 to 7:15 PM on Zoom. We will study the book of *Timothy* for two weeks led by Pastor Joanne. Please contact the church office or sign up in the Garden Room for advance study information and questions.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on Thursday, October 2 will feature *This Day in History*. 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:

- We are collecting a farewell purse for Emma Unkrich, who for five years was our mezzo-soprano Section Leader. Emma will be visiting us on October 5 in worship and fellowship. We will accept your checks this Sunday and cash gifts only on 10/5 before worship. Drop your gift into the offering plate with Emma in the memo line, bring a check to the office before Thursday morning this coming week, or see Betsy Viperman or Carol Stahl for cash gifts.
- Our Wednesday studies will continue on Zoom with a study of the book of *Titus* for one week on October 16, led by Pastor Joanne. Then from October 29 to November 12, there will be a study of the book of *Ephesians*, led by Eliecia Young, pastoral assistant. All start at 6 PM.
- There will be a *Service of Gratitude* on November 19th in the Chapel, followed by a three-week Advent program to conclude the 2025 Wednesday programs.
- On October 22, 6 PM, The Interfaith Rochester Housing Action Collective will hold a seminar at First Rochester, discussing the issue of homelessness in Monroe County. More details soon.
- FBCR Book Club, October 28, 11:30 AM-BYO lunch and conversation; 12 PM book discussion on *Overstory* by Richard Powers.
- 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:

- Today, we're collecting the ABC International Ministries' World Mission Offering. This is your chance to support Global Servants around the world and be a part of the exciting work God is doing through global missions. For more details on one of the recipients, check out page 6.
- 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:

- Please let us know if you want to receive bible study information, an email of our prayer list each week, or a weekly email with worship and news information from the church.
- 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 new sign-up sheet for November and December is now available.

