

A sunset over the ocean with a large white graphic of the word "WAVE" overlaid. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow across the sky and water. The word "WAVE" is written in a bold, stylized, white font, with the letters being thick and blocky. The background is a photograph of a sunset over the ocean, with the sun partially obscured by clouds.

should I not have
concern for the
great city of

WAVE

Jonah 4:11

WORSHIP OF GOD | FEBRUARY 15, 2026

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | rochesterfbc.org

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor

Joshua Johnstone, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude *Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here* arr. James Biery

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation *Forgive us our sins, as we forgive others who sin against us.*

Music For Meditation *Give Alms of Thy Goods* Christopher Tye

Welcome and Invocation Marcia McCarthy

Invitation To Worship

One: Let us seek God together.

All: Let us seek righteousness together.

One: Together we are stronger in the Spirit, empowered to go and serve.

All: Together now, we worship God.

*Hymn *God is One, Unique and Holy* #139
v. 1 Section Leaders; v. 2 & 3 Congregation joins

Scripture *Psalms 99* Marcia McCarthy

Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
with unison Lord's Prayer

Special Music *I Will Lift Up My Eyes* Lloyd Larson
First Rochester Choir; Joshua Johnstone, piano, director

Children's Time Pastor Joanne

*Hymn *Great is the Lord* #50

Scripture and Prayer *Jonah 4*

Sermon *Jonah's Lament* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

The Quiet Church

Mark Fax¹

Doxology

Give Thanks
(No repeats, 2nd ending)

**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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

#473

Benediction

Postlude

Lift High The Cross

arr. John Leavitt

IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

¹This morning's offertory features the music of Black-American composer and educator Mark Oakland Fax (1911–74). Born in Baltimore, Fax was a child prodigy: By age 14, he played the organ for silent films at the Regent Theater on Saturdays and for gospel music at the African-American church on Sundays. Fax began his adult education at Syracuse University (BMus) and continued at the Eastman School of Music (MM). Depression-era conditions compelled him to turn down post-graduate fellowship offers, and he instead accepted his first teaching position. Several years later, Fax was able to study piano at Bennington College, and it was there that he wrote music for the Martha Graham Dance Troupe. In 1942, he returned to the Eastman School of Music for an advanced composition degree. To support himself and his family, he served as both choirmaster and janitor at a Rochester church.

Public recognition and prestigious awards followed. In 1947, Fax began teaching music theory at HBCU Howard University, remaining at Howard until his death in 1974. While at Howard, Fax served concurrently as Music Director, Organist, and Composer-in-Residence at Washington's famed Asbury Methodist Church. Fax has composed works for chorus, symphony, chamber, ensemble, voice, piano, organ, and two operas. His epic operatic history of the African-American experience, *'Til Victory is Won*, was commissioned in 1967 by the Centennial Committee of Howard University to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the University, and was performed in 1974 at Washington's Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

-Samuel Baker

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:

- The children will be excused following Children's Time and after a brief Fellowship Time join Joshua Johnstone in the choir room for Children's Music during Second Hour.
- Thank you to the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- The Mission Team will meet in the Library following a brief time of fellowship.

THIS WEEK:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on February 19, when we will review and discuss John Grisham's book: *Sooley*. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Place on your calendar, Wednesday, February 18, for our **Ash Wednesday Service at 6 PM** to be held in the Garden Room.
- February 22 in Sunday Forum during Second Hour, Rev. Dr. Micheal Ford will be here to talk to us about his new role as Executive Director at House of Mercy. House of Mercy provides shelter, care, and resources to adults experiencing homelessness: 76 bed shelter, 3 meals a day, clothing and toiletries, social work and transportation resources. Their community food pantry distributes non-perishable groceries to anyone in need.
- Lenten Bible Studies on the **Beatitudes** will be held in the library from Wednesday, February 25 at 6 PM through March 25.
- **Lunch and/or a Movie** following worship on March 1. Join us for a pizza and salad lunch, followed by a viewing of the movie: *Wild Robot*. Based on Peter Brown's bestselling book, *Wild Robot* tells the story of a shipwrecked robot, who forges relationships with the local wildlife on an abandoned island. The meaningful story shares strong messages around parenthood, what it means to be a family, and nature vs. technology, as well as lessons around acceptance, compassion, and kindness. The animated movie has received critical acclaim is a great movie for all ages. Please sign up in the Garden Room.
- Bell Choir rehearsals will be on Wednesdays beginning March 11 through March 25 from 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM in the Chapel. Bells will play during worship on Palm Sunday, March 29.

GIVING:

- Support our Boy and Cub Scouts (Troop 77 & Pack 152) who are holding a Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser, Saturday, February 28, at the Applebees on W. Henrietta Road. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from Aidan or Rory Lawrence or any scout here on Scout Sunday, February 22.
- The Center for Youth's First Sunday donations of jams, jellies, and Chef Boyardee products are requested by the Missions Team. Since July of 2025, we have donated 475 items, which the Center for Youth employees are very appreciative stating, "The kids really love these," at our last drop-off. We are very close to 500 items. Can we meet or exceed that goal?

SIGN-UPS:

- Check out the sign-up table in the Garden Room for ways to volunteer or to stay informed, including: Readers in worship for February 15, and March and April dates; we also seek ushers; Fellowship Time—preparing light refreshment after worship (Kandee is willing to assist as needed); and Shared Information Sign-ups—where you may sign up in the Garden Room to have staff place you or double-check that you are on the list for: *Email Notifications*, *Prayer Requests*, *Text Notifications* (for cancellations), and *In the Know* (time-sensitive news, events for advocacy).

MEETINGS:

- Missions Meeting: February 15 during Second Hour; No Trustees Meeting in February; Council Meeting: February 24 (one week after winter break) on Zoom at 6 PM.