



# serve only God

Matthew 4:10b

**WORSHIP OF GOD | FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

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**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.*

**All of the hymns chosen for today are from Black Composers.**

Prelude *Adam's Fall Hath Corrupted Us All* D. Buxtehude

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation *Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.*

Music For Meditation *Deep River* \*\*Spiritual, arr. Mary Leaf

Welcome and Invocation Betsy Vipperman

Invitation To Worship

One: Friends, let us join together to worship God.

**All: We join together as one community of faith.**

One: May your soul be revived.

**All: May your heart find hope.**

One: May we be encouraged to serve our neighbor.

**All: May we be filled with Love.**

\*Hymn #500 *Precious Lord* \*\*Spiritual, Thomas A. Dorsey

Scripture *Psalms 32* Betsy Vipperman

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

*Special Music* *Hear My Prayer\*\** Moses Hogan<sup>1</sup>

Children's Time

\*Hymn #134 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* \*\*Spiritual, Doris Ackers

Scripture and Prayer *Matthew 4:1-11*

Sermon *What can we learn?* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

## Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response                      *The Glory of these Forty Days*                      J. C. Bach

Doxology                                      *Thank You Lord*                                      \*\*Spiritual, Unknown

***Thank you Lord, thank you Lord,  
Thank you Lord, I just want to thank you Lord.  
Been so good, been so good,  
Been so good, I just want to thank you, Lord.  
Been my friend, been my friend,  
Been my friend, I just want to thank you, Lord.***

## Invitation to Mission and Ministry

\*Closing Hymn #523                                      *Soon Very Soon*                                      \*\*Spiritual, Andraé Crouch

## Benediction

Postlude                                      *Voluntary in e minor*                                      Joh. Tobias Krebs

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## IN RECOGNITION OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**1Moses Hogan (1957-2003)** The Special Music for today's service was composed by renowned Black composer, conductor, arranger, and pianist Moses Hogan. Born in New Orleans in 1957, Hogan attended the Oberlin Conservatory of Music with a full-ride scholarship, where he earned a Bachelor of Music in piano. After some additional graduate studies at Julliard and in Vienna, he went on to take first place in the extremely competitive Chopin Piano Competition in New York.

After refusing an offer to work towards his doctorate back in Louisiana, Hogan went on to form several accomplished ensembles: the *New World Ensemble*, the *Moses Hogan Chorale*, and eventually the famed *Moses Hogan Singers* in 1997. His arrangements of traditional African-American spirituals have become beloved staples in the world of choral music, and this fact remains a testament to the lasting cultural impact of his work.                                      –Joshua Johnstone

### **\*\*Royalties for Spirituals**

Whenever we use a spiritual in worship, a special offering may be made in lieu of "Royalties" denied African-American composers. Donations are sent to the William Warfield Scholarship Fund at the Eastman School of Music. This fund provides financial support to African-American students in the field of classical vocal music and is in memory of Rochester's own William Warfield. Please indicate RFS somewhere on your donation by using the memo line of your check or an on an envelope, placing RFS on the outside.

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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:

- 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.
- Youth Group will meet during Second Hour.
- Today 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.
- We welcome our sponsored Scouts today from Troop 77 and Pack 152.

### THIS WEEK:

- **An Invitation to Conversation and Action on Faith Unity:** Local clergy want to include all people of faith (however you understand "faith") for an evening of conversation on February 24 at 7:30 PM at First Universalist Church of Rochester, 150 South Clinton Ave. We will have a few people of different faith traditions speak briefly to lay the groundwork for the conversation, then continue with small group discussions to contemplate what we can do together in collective action.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on February 26, when we will be *Drumming Up Some Fun*. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 and is a great movie for all ages. Please sign up in the Garden Room.
- OWL invites any interested people from the congregation that would like a bus ride to Cartwright's Inn on March 26, leaving at 11 AM for a 1 PM meal to sign up in the Garden Room.

### GIVING:

- See **Royalties for Spirituals** at the bottom of page 3 for details on a special collection today.
- 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 any scout here today, Scout Sunday, February 22.
- The Mission Team is requesting from now until March 8 we bring in winter clothing, new or gently used: boots, hats, coats, and gloves, etc. for the unhoused.
- The Center for Youth's First Sunday donations of jams, jellies, and Chef Boyardee products are requested by the Missions. We have donated 475 items so far. Can we meet or exceed 500?

### SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- On the sign-up table there are ways to volunteer and participate: **Readers** in worship for March and April; **Ushers**; **Fellowship Time**; and the upcoming **Lunch and Movie Event**.
- **Shared Information Sign-ups** for *Emailed Notifications of: Church Information, Weekly Prayer Request, and In the Know* (time-sensitive news and events for advocacy). We also offer *Text Notifications* for cancellations and urgent news.

### MEETINGS:

- Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 24 on Zoom at 6 PM.