



Then

...angels came

Matthew 4:10

WORSHIP OF GOD | MARCH 1, 2026 | COMMUNION SUNDAY

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor

Joshua Johnstone, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

Naomi Chad, soprano | Liyao Yu, mezzo | Zachary Thompson, tenor | Ashton Rapp, baritone

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude *I Call To You, Lord Jesus Christ* C. P. E. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation *The Lord will not slumber nor sleep.*

Music For Meditation *Stevenson* George Winston

Welcome and Invocation Sharon Hamann

Invitation to Mission and Ministry *(Children Excused)*

Invitation To Worship

One: Jesus says, "Come unto me all who have heavy burdens."

All: Burdened, we've come to worship.

One: Jesus says, "I will give you rest.

All: In worship we lay our burdens down.

One: You will find rest for your souls.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #48

The Hand of Christian Fellowship

Scripture *Psalm 121* Sharon Hamann

Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Special Music *Songs Without Words, Op. 53, No. 2* Felix Mendelssohn

*Hymn *Spirit of the Living God* #492

Scripture and Prayer *Matthew 4:1-11*

Sermon

Waiting as Trust

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

Eat This Bread

Jacques Berthier

The Service of the Lord's Supper

Unison Prayer of Confession

We confess that this wilderness walk of Lent is scary and lonely. Wilderness raises all of our fears and longings. We confess our fears to you and ask that you send us signs of your presence. In your mercy forgive us when we fail to trust or serve. May this eating of the bread and drinking of the cup sustain us and empower us. Amen.

Word of Institution

Unison Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

We observe an open communion; all are welcome at the table.

*Parting Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

#440

Unison Benediction

May the grace of Christ, which daily renews us, and the love of God, which enables us to love, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, which unites us in one body, make us eager to obey the will of God until we meet again, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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 Center for Youth's First Sunday donations of jams, jellies, and Chef Boyardee products are accepted today by the Missions Team. We have donated 475 items so far. Can we meet or exceed 500? If you forgot to bring your donations in today, we will accept items on Monday before 2 PM.
- The children will be excused following the Invitation to Mission and Ministry. We will join together after worship for a time of fellowship in the Garden Room.
- **Lunch and/or a Movie** following a brief fellowship, everyone is welcome to 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.
- Thank you to the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.

THIS WEEK:

- **The Beatitudes** Lenten Bible Study continues this Wednesday in the library and every Wednesday in March at 6 PM. We are asked to read Matthew 5:3-11 daily from any version of the bible we wish and reflect on these "Be-attitudes," jotting down any thoughts we have along the way.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on March 5, 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:

- **Interfaith Unity Forum**, Second Hour, March 22, Discussion and Collaboration. Pastor Joanne will share with the congregation information about the interfaith event held at the First Unitarian Church on Tuesday evening, February 24. Around 200 participants came to listen, share, and discuss, in small groups, how as a unified interfaith community we can learn, act, and live the love taught in our various faiths to bring hope to those in need.
- FBCR Book Club will meet on March 24 at 11:30 for a BYO Lunch and Fellowship. At noon we will discuss this month's book, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, by Muriel Barbery. All are welcome.
- OWL invites any interested people from the congregation who would like a bus ride to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn on March 26, leaving at 11 AM for a 1 PM meal, to sign up in the Garden Room.

GIVING:

- The Mission Team is requesting from now until March 8, that we bring in winter clothing, new or gently used: boots, hats, coats, and gloves, etc. for the unhoused.

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**; and **Fellowship Time**.
- **Shared Information Sign-ups** for *Emailled 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:

- Mission Meeting: Second Hour, March 15; Trustees Meeting: March 16 on Zoom 6 PM, and Council Meeting: Tuesday, March 17 on Zoom at 6 PM.