



**if you
believe**

John 11:40

WORSHIP OF GOD | MARCH 22, 2026

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response *Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word* H. F. Micheelsen

Doxology *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

***We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.***

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn *Blessed Assurance* #426

Benediction

Postlude *Fugue* François Couperin



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!*



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday Service
March 29 @ 10 AM

Maundy Thursday Service
April 2 @ 6 PM

Easter Service
April 5 @ 10 AM

More details about each service on the back page.

INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

TODAY:

- The children will be excused following Children's Time for Sunday School, returning for Fellowship.
- **Second Hour today:** Youth Group, Room 14; Children's Choir, Choir Room; Interfaith Unity Forum: Discussion and Collaboration, Chapel.
 - ◆ About the **Interfaith Unity Forum:** Pastor Joanne will share information about the interfaith event held at the First Unitarian Church on Tuesday, February 24. Around 200 people 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.
- **Thank you** to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work. Also, a special thank you to our substitute bass section leader today, Finn Bucci, and to Patricia Hanley for her lovely recorder playing.
- Today is the last Sunday to order your Dedication Easter Flowers. Order now, pay later, if that helps! Orders will be taken online or in the office until Wednesday, March 25. See order form for details.

THIS WEEK:

- The office will be closed on Monday, March 23 due to staff time off. Messages will be checked.
- FBCR Book Club will meet on March 24 at 11:30 AM 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.
- *The Beatitudes* Lenten Bible Study concludes on Wednesday, March 25 at 6 PM in the library. We are asked to read Matthew 5:3-11 daily from any version of the bible and reflect on these "Be-attitudes," jotting down any thoughts we have along the way. The focus will be on *Matthew 5:9-11*.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) invites our regular OWLS, along with any interested people from the congregation who would like a bus ride to Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn for pancakes and fresh pure Maple syrup, to let us know. On March 26, we will depart from the church at 11 AM for a 1 PM meal. Sign up in the Garden Room or RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **PALM SUNDAY, 3/29 @ 10 AM:** With great joy, we will wave palms while we sing our Hosannas, recalling how Jesus triumphantly entered the holy city of Jerusalem, beginning our walk through Holy Week. There are unique plans for this special service. We hope you will join us in the journey. Palm Sunday is also **Fifth Sunday Mission Project** packing hygiene kits.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY, 4/2 @ 6 PM:** We will gather in the sanctuary for a meaningful service to recount the story of Christ's sacrifice for us. With prayer, music, scripture, and communion, we will come to the table of Christ as his disciples did so many years ago. Please plan to join us.
- **EASTER SUNDAY 4/5 @ 10 AM:** There will be singing, prayer, a brass quintet, scripture, joyful praise, and Alleluias with bells ringing throughout the service. It will be a glorious celebration of our faith and love as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ.
- Spring Handbell Choir: Join us for a fun opportunity to play handbells! Rehearsals 6:00-6:30 PM Wednesday, May 6, 13, 27, and then play in worship on May 31. No experience required, but basic note and rhythm reading is helpful. If interested, contact Doleen Hood at doleenpiano@gmail.com. RSVP by April 12 to join.

GIVING:

- On Communion Sundays we collect jams, jellies, and Chef-Boyardee pastas for the Center for Youth. Last month's collection placed us at 555 items donated since July of 2025. The question becomes... Can we donate more than 45 items to reach or exceed 600 in April? Or beat last month's 79 items total? It will be Easter, so I think we can!
- **Thank you** for all the donations of winter gear. On Tuesday, winter returned to our area and the donated winter gear was taken and passed out at this Tuesday's Street Ministry Walk for the unhoused. Thank you so very much for your generosity.

SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- On the sign-up table there are ways to volunteer and participate: Readers in worship in April, May, and June; Ushers; and Fellowship Time. Shared Information Sign-ups are also available.