



PALM SUNDAY

WORSHIP OF GOD | MARCH 29, 2026 | PALM SUNDAY

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor

Doleen Hood, interim 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 *Chant Héroïque* G. Young

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. Zechariah 9:9

Music For Meditation *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* St. Theodulph, arr. Larry Sue
Handbells: Naomi Chad, Liyao Yu, Zachary Thompson, Ashton Rapp

Welcome and Invocation Betsy Vipperman

Invitation To Worship Betsy Vipperman

One: Humble and riding on a donkey,
we greet you, dear Jesus;

**All: acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,
we cheer you, dear Jesus;**

One: moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,
we salute you: Christ our Lord.

**All: You are giving the beast of burden
a new dignity; you are giving majesty a new face;**

One: you are giving those who long for redemption
a new song to sing.

**All: With them, with heart and voice, we shout:
Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

—from Common Order, Panel on Worship, Church of Scotland, 1994.

*Hymn *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* #267

Scriptures *Psalm 118:1-14* Betsy Vipperman

Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns with Unison Lord's Prayer

Special Music *Ride On, King Jesus* Trad. Spiritual,
arr. Howard Helve

Scripture Reading
with Liturgical Dance

Matthew 21:1-11
Lillie Geneva Pace, Grace Plassmeyer
Theatre Arts Students, Nazareth University

Meditation

Ride On, King Jesus

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

Wondrous Love

John Eggert

*Doxology

Praise God

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, the heavenly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

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Benediction



Please join us in the Chapel for our Fifth Sunday Mission Project



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 remain in worship today for Palm Sunday. Our worship will continue through the Fifth Sunday Mission Project in the chapel where we will assemble 480 hygiene kits for the unhoused in our area.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work. A special thank you to Liyao Yu for her music leadership today and to our Theatre Arts Students from Nazareth University, Lillie Geneva Pace and Grace Plassmeyer.

HOLY WEEK:

- There will be no OWLS this week in observance of Holy Week.
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, APRIL 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 SERVICE, APRIL 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on April 9, when Gene Nolan will share stories and photos of his trip to Alaska on a Motorcycle. Why Not? Chair exercise at 11:30 AM. Lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- FBCR Book Club will meet on April 28 to discuss *At Home in Midford* by Jan Karon. Gather at 11:30 AM for a Bring-your-own lunch and
- 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:

- Today we will complete our Fifth Sunday Mission Project by packing 480 hygiene kits in the chapel for the street ministries of Cameron Community and House of Mercy.
- On Communion Sunday, April 5, Easter Sunday, we will collect jams, jellies, and Chef-Boyardee pastas for the Center for Youth. We have an Easter Sunday goal of collecting 80+ items (to receive our largest one-Sunday-giving month yet!). Can you help us reach it?

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**. Information Sign-ups are also available.

MEETINGS:

- Mission Meeting: Second Hour on Sunday, April 19; Trustees Meeting: Monday, April 20 on Zoom 6 PM; and Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 21 on Zoom at 6 PM.