



is  
**THE LORD**  
among us

Exodus 17:7b

Matthew 4:10b

**WORSHIP OF GOD | MARCH 8, 2026**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

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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 *Have Mercy on Me, O Lord* J. S. Bach (specious)

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation *To whom do I go when I am thirsty?*

Music For Meditation *An Irish Blessing* arr. Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Welcome and Invocation Seth and Sarah Oaks

Invitation To Worship

One: God, our parent, teach us your ways.

**All: Help us to follow them.**

One Lord Jesus, teach us of your love,

**All: And help us to share it.**

One: Holy Spirit, guide and direct us as we seek to live within God's will.

**All: Let our worship rise to you, dear God, as our sweet offering of praise, prayer, and worship.**

Prayer of Confession

**Dear God, you sent your son Jesus to show us how to live together and do your will in this world. Forgive us for that which we don't want to do, but do anyway. Forgive us for all that we should do, but choose not to do. Lead us in your will and way, we pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Words of Assurance Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

\*Hymn *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* #345

Scripture *Psalms 95* Sarah and Seth Oaks

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

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Special Music

*O Colored Earth*

Steve Heitzeg

First Rochester Choir; Joshua Johnstone, piano

Children's Time

\*Hymn

*Just As I Am*

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Scripture and Prayer

*Exodus 17:1-7*

Sermon

*Quarrelsome and Testing*

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

*My Song is Love Unknown*

arr. C. Callahan

*Doxology*

*Give Thanks*

**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

*I Then Shall Live*

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Benediction

Postlude

*May the Grace of Christ Our Savior*

arr.M. Sedio



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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 for Sunday School and will return for a brief fellowship followed by Children's Choir in the Choir Room during Second Hour.
- Thank you to the numerous volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- Join us after worship today for a special fellowship in honor of Dr. Ken's upcoming 100th birthday!

### 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 learn the *History of the Bean Bag*. 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, for 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.
- Great Job Congregation! We collected 71 items for the Center for Youth this month. We not only exceeded our goal of 500 items since July, but surpassed it with 546 items donated so far.

### 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, including next Sunday; **Ushers**; and **Fellowship Time**.
- **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:

- 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.

### A SPECIAL INVITATION:

- Ken's family would be delighted if you could stop by the Multipurpose Room in Briarwood at St. John's Meadows on Saturday, March 14 between 2:30-4:30 PM to help them celebrate Ken's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.