

Then their

**EYES**  
were opened...

Luke 24:31

**WORSHIP OF GOD | APRIL 19, 2026**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby, assistant pastor

Doleen Hood, interim music director | Samuel Baker, organist

Naomi Chad, soprano | Liyao Yu, mezzo | Jonathan Ellwanger, tenor | Ashton Rapp, baritone

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude	<i>In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay</i>	arr. Georg Böhm
Chiming of the Hour		
Music for Meditation	<i>Open Our Eyes</i>	Bob Cull, arr. David Allen
Welcome and Invocation		David Hood
Invitation To Worship	<i>In Unison</i>	led by David Hood
All:	We need your presence on the long road, Lord. The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection. Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company! Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, let this time of worship be a hallowed hour.	
*Hymn	<i>Christ Beside Me</i>	#425
Scripture	<i>Psalm 116:1-14</i>	David Hood
Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns with Unison Lord's Prayer		David Hood
Special Music	<i>By Faith and Not by Sight</i>	Lloyd Larson
Children's Time		Pastor Katie Jo
*Hymn	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i>	#506
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Luke 24:13-35</i>	Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
Sermon	<i>Hidden in Plain Sight</i>	Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication		David Hood
Music for Response	<i>The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done</i>	arr. Richard Proulx

\*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

David Hood

\*Closing Hymn

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

#656

Benediction

Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Postlude

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

arr. Albert L. Travis

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2026

The Wisdom and Power of Storytelling

"I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH TO SPEAK IN PARABLES;  
I WILL PROCLAIM WHAT HAS BEEN HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION." MATTHEW 13:34-35 NRSVUE

Offering Collected on April 19 & April 26

Contributions to the pass-through America for Christ Offering on April 19 and April 26 will help support a wide range of ABC-USA Home Mission Society initiatives across America, including:

- Leadership development for pastors, chaplains, and laity
- Community-based ministries that address hunger, housing insecurity, and economic hardship
- Justice-focused initiatives responding to systemic inequities
- Faith formation and discipleship across generations

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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:**

- Welcome Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby, assistant pastor, to our staff and to the pulpit today.
- The children will depart following Children's Time for Sunday School. There will be Children's choir following a brief fellowship in the Choir room at 11:15 AM.
- Youth Group will meet today in the Youth Room at the end of the Education Wing during Second Hour.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Join our new Assistant Pastor, Katie Jo, for a Wednesday evening series on the book of Philippians. We'll discuss the world of the early Christians and Paul's frame of mind as he wrote to them from prison. This series will be from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on Wednesdays, **April 22 and 29, and May 6 and 13** in the library. See you there!
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on **April 23**, with *Get to Know You: sharing a story or a fact about your life that we don't know!* 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 Mitford* by Jan Karon. Gather at 11:30 AM for a Bring-your-own lunch for fellowship followed by a book discussion at noon.
- Handbell Choir Rehearsals will be held on Wednesday, **May 6, 13, 27** from 6 to 6:30 PM and then play in worship on **May 31**.

### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- Celebrate our first Jazz & Gospel inspired service to be held on April 26 at 10 AM.
- Our Section Leader Recital will be on May 3, following worship and a quick break, at 11:20 AM.
- Following the Section Leader Recital on May 3, there will be a Potluck Luncheon in Hubbell Hall. Please bring a dish to pass, stay to eat, and fellowship together following the recital. We ask that all hot dishes be brought in a crock pot! See you all then!
- We will wish farewell to Ashton Rapp, graduating senior section leader, on May 10.
- Children's Sunday will be held on June 7.

### **GIVING:**

- From now through May, we will be collecting select hygiene items for Brighton City School students who have need over the summer months. Please bring to church hand sanitizers, deodorants, or hand/body lotions and place them on the table before you enter the sanctuary.
- Your generous donations helped us exceed our goal of 80 items. On Easter Sunday, we collected **100** jellies and canned pastas for the Center for Youth's Food Nook! Since July of 2025, we have donated 655 items. Well done, First Rochester!

### **SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:**

- On the sign-up table there are ways to volunteer and participate: We need **Readers** in worship for May; along with **Ushers**; and **Fellowship Time**. Information Sign-ups are also available.

### **MEETINGS:**

- Mission Meeting: Second Hour Today in the library; Trustees Meeting: Monday, April 20, on Zoom at 6 PM; and Council Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, on Zoom at 6 PM.