



# EASTER SUNDAY

**WORSHIP OF GOD | APRIL 5, 2026 | COMMUNION SUNDAY | EASTER**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

**175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | [rochesterfbc.org](http://rochesterfbc.org)**

**Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Bob Oaks, assisting**

**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.*

*Children and children at heart are encouraged to ring bells each time you hear an Alleluia!*

Prelude *Art of Fugue* J.S. Bach, transcr. A. Frackenhohl  
*Voluntary on Old 100th* H. Purcell, arr. J. Corley  
*Easter Messiah Medley* G.F. Handel, arr. E. Ramm

### ***Easter Brass Quintet***

Kai Mahone and Logan Manildi, trumpet; Sarah Chou, French horn;  
Adam Yastion, euphonium; Henry Foster, tuba

Chiming of the Hour

Choral Introit *Alleluia!* Mark Hayes  
Naomi Chad, soprano; Xingtong Li, mezzo; Jonathan Ellwanger, tenor;  
Ashton Rapp, baritone; Liyao Yu, director

Welcome and Invocation Bob Oaks

Invitation to Mission and Ministry Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Invitation To Worship Bob Oaks

One: Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

One: Even when we crucify the hopeful One,

**All: God raises hope again.**

One: Even when we crucify the light,

**All: God raises light again.**

One: Even when we try to crucify love,

God shows us love again.

**All: Thanks be to God, for love rises again!**

**We worship God and give thanks for the resurrected Christ! Alleluia!**

\*Hymn *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #288  
(there will be an interlude before the final verse)

Scriptures *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24* Bob Oaks

Special Music *Glad Easter Praises* Lloyd Larson  
First Rochester Choir; Liyao Yu, director; Sam Baker, organ

Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns

Children's Time

\*Hymn *He Lives* #302

Scripture & Prayer *Matthew 28:1-10*

Sermon *Living Resurrection* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response *My Spirit Be Joyful* J. S. Bach; arr. H. Herforth  
Brass Quintet

The Service of the Lord's Supper Bob Oaks, assisting

Invitation to the Table

Unison Prayer of Confession

**On this day of joy, we confess that we have not always witnessed to the joy of our faith. On this day of peace, we confess that we have not always witnessed to the peace of our faith. On this day of good news, we confess that we have not always witnessed to the good news of the risen Christ. Forgive us when we are stingy with sharing our faith, when we live as meager and anxious people. Forgive us and make us living witnesses of your joy, peace, good news, and love. Alleluia! Amen.**

*(adapted for worship from the Minister's Manual 2006, p. 318)*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*We observe and open communion; all are welcome to the table.*

Unison Lord's Prayer please see the screen

\*Closing Hymn *Christ Arose!* #294  
(there will be an interlude before the final verse)

Benediction

Postlude *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* Helmut Watcha

*Thank you to those who have dedicated Easter Flowers for our service today.*

Lindsay Agness	In honor of Brittany Agness
Anonymous	In honor of Samuel Baker, with thanks for the glorious music.
Samuel Baker	In memory of James Weaver
Kenneth Dodgson	In memory of Sally Lewis Dodgson
Their daughters: Kim, Kit, and Carol	In honor of Kenneth Dodgson & in memory of Sally Dodgson
Jean Garling	In memory of Eva & Arthur Garling
Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon	In memory of Elizabeth & Everett Gilbert
Jack & Flora Holt	In honor of Loved Ones
The Lawrence Family	In memory of Loved Ones
Ivan Marable	In memory of my parents: Judie Hatten & Leroy Marable
Ken & Marcia McCarthy	In memory of parents: Francis & Amy McCarthy, Charles & Edna Oaks, and sisters: Nancy Oaks and Beverly McCarthy Campbell
Susen & Scott McClellan	In memory of Jüri & Euleta Ilisoo
Carol Misra	In memory of Esther & John Brangwynne
The Mulvey Family	In honor of Audrey Batchelor
Tom and Betty Richards	In memory of Tom & Mary Richards
The Richardson Family	In memory of Charles & Doris Porter and Marie Richardson
Bob and Judy Oaks	In memory of Neil & Ester Sanders and Charles & Edna Oaks.
Jo Ann Trolley	In memory of Dr. Richard W. Trolley

*All who ordered flowers may take those you requested home after the service.*

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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 remain in worship today for Easter Service. They (and all children at heart) are welcome to ring an Alleluia Bell any time throughout the service you hear the word, Alleluia!
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- A special thank you to Liyao Yu for her music leadership and to Xintong Li for filling in as the alto section leader today.
- We are excited to welcome our new tenor section leader, Jonathan Ellwanger.
- Thank you to our guest musicians, the Easter Brass Quintet: Kai Mahone and Logan Manildi, trumpet; Sarah Chou, horn; Adam Yastion, euphonium; Henry Foster, tuba
- There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at 11:20 AM for the children. Please meet in the choir room.

### 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](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com).
- Our Wednesday evening studies will resume mid-April. Watch for details to come soon.
- 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.
- Spring Handbell Choir: Join us for a fun opportunity to play handbells! Rehearsals is from 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](mailto:doleenpiano@gmail.com). RSVP by April 12 to join.

### SAVE THE DATES:

- Welcome to Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby, assistant pastor, on April 19.
- 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.
- We will wish farewell to Ashton Rapp, graduating senior section leader, on May 10.
- Children's Sunday will be held on June 7.

### GIVING:

- Thank you to everyone who helped pack 480 hygiene kits for our Fifth Sunday Mission Project at the conclusion of our Palm Sunday worship for the Street Ministries at House of Mercy and Cameron Community.
- Today, Easter, we are collecting jams, jellies, and Chef-Boyardee pastas for the Center for Youth. Today's goal is to collect 80+ items (to receive our largest First Sunday donation, yet!) Can you help us reach it? We will accept items on Tuesday until 2 PM. (Closed on Monday.)

### SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- On the sign-up table there are ways to volunteer and participate: **Readers** in worship in May and June; along with **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.