



**...when I sit in
darkness,
the Lord will be a
light to me.**

WORSHIP OF GOD | MAY 10, 2026 | MOTHER'S DAY

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 *Sheep may safely graze* J. S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation *I am weary with moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears.* Psalm 6:6

Music for Meditation *Passacaglia* G.F. Handel - Johan Halvorsen

Welcome and Invocation Marcia McCarthy

Invitation To Worship

One: We have come to worship.

All: To seek God in the midst of life: the good and the bad, the beautiful and the ugly.

One: Lord, hold us now, close to you.

All: May we hear a word to carry us, even in hard times. Let us worship God.

*Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* #123

Scripture *Psalm 6* Marcia McCarthy

Morning Prayer: Sharing our joys and concerns with Unison Lord's Prayer Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Special Music *Give Blessing, Honor, Glory, Praise* G.F. Handel, arr. Walter Ehret

Children's Time Pastor Joanne

*Hymn *Spirit Song* #352

Scripture and Prayer *Job 23:1-12*

Sermon *Caught in darkness* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Canno

**please stand if able*

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response *With High Delight Let Us Unite!* arr. David Schack

Unison Prayer

Lord, just as you multiplied the loaves and fishes, we pray that you will multiply our offerings. May they reach far beyond our expectations and be used for your will and purpose. Amen.

*Closing Hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness* #469

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

Choral Benediction *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* John Rutter
First Rochester Choir; Sam Baker, organ; Doleen Hood, director

Postlude *Abschied* Hermann Schroeder



Help us say farewell to Ashton

Today we bid farewell to our bass section leader, Ashton Rapp, who has shared his wonderful talents with us for the last three years. Please join us at Fellowship after the service to celebrate him!

Ashton Rapp (he/him) is a baritone from Lawrence, Kansas, studying Vocal Performance at the Eastman School of Music. During his time at Eastman, he has developed his passion for singing and arts administration, with aspirations to continue working in the arts in any way. He currently serves as a Head Usher and Resident Advisor on the Eastman campus, and recently completed 2 years of musical leadership for *The YellowJackets* a cappella group at the University of Rochester. Ashton is looking forward to beginning his studies at Carnegie Mellon University for a master's degree in Vocal Performance this coming fall.



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 leave worship after Children's Time and return for a brief Fellowship. Children's Choir will be held during Second Hour in the Choir Room.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- We are in the middle of National Nurses' Week, May 6—May 12. We thank and pray for all the nurses in our congregation and our lives. May God bless them and the care they provide.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Join Assistant Pastor, Katie Jo on **May 13** and Pastor Joanne on **May 20** (and extended as needed to finish the book of Philippians). We will continue our lively and thought-provoking discussions on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. You are welcome to join us at any time, even if you have not been able to attend previously.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on **May 14**, we will review and discuss *Carnegie's Maid*, by Marie Benedict. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- Next week, **May 17**, during Second Hour, *Get to Know Pastor Katie Jo*. Spend time as she shares information about herself and answers some of your questions.
- FBCR Book Club will meet on **May 26** to discuss *The Ungrateful Refugee: What Immigrants Never Tell You* by Dina Nayeri. Gather at 11:30 AM for a bring-your-own lunch for fellowship followed by a book discussion at noon.
- Handbell Choir will play in worship on **May 31**.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Our next Fifth Sunday Mission Service Project will be held on **May 31** during the second half of worship and beyond.
- Children's Sunday will be held on **June 7**.

GIVING:

- From **now to May 31**, 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.
- Each Communion Sunday we collect for the Center for Youth's Food Nook. Since July of 2025, we have donated 698 jellies and canned pastas. Let's keep our strong giving for these in-need and at-risk teens.

SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

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

MEETINGS:

- Mission Meeting: Second Hour May 17 in the library; Trustees Meeting: Monday, May 18, on Zoom at 6 PM; and Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 19, on Zoom at 6 PM.