



**BE KIND**

**TO ONE ANOTHER,**

**TENDERHEARTED,**

*forgiving*  
**one** *another*

**AS GOD IN CHRIST  
FORGAVE YOU.**

**WORSHIP OF GOD | MAY 17, 2026**

**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 | Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby, assistant pastor**

**Doleen Hood, interim music director | Samuel Baker, organist**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude *Cantabile* César Franck

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Meditation *Jesus Loves Me* William Bradbury,  
George Haefele and Doleen Hood, piano arr. Martha Mier

Welcome and Invocation Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Invitation To Worship

One: Come, let us seek God together.

**All: There is space for everyone here.**

One: Come, let us praise God together.

**All: We proclaim God's praise with one voice.**

One: Come, let us pray together.

**All: We lift our prayers through the power of the spirit.**

\*Hymn *God is Here* #1

Scripture *Ephesians 4:1-16* Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Special Music *Glorify Thy Name* Donna Adkins

First Rochester Children's Choir: George Haefele, Rory Lawrence, Leah Oaks,  
Seth Oaks, Harmony Perry, Royal Perry, Briony Tao, Williams Tao; Doleen Hood, piano, director

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

\*Hymn *Put Peace into Each Other's Hands* #389  
v. 1, 2, 3

Scripture and Prayer *Ephesians 4:17-32* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

*\*please stand if able*



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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 leave worship after the Special Music for Sunday School 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.
- During Second Hour today, we will *Get to Know Pastor Katie Jo* and as she shares information about herself and answers some of your questions.
- Mission Meeting in the library following worship.
- Please note, the Tao Family Meal Train has been updated to accept new meals as Patrick begins his treatment regimen. Go to <https://mealtrain.com/neqm1o> to sign up to help.

### Upcoming Events:

- Join 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. This week, we will focus on Chapter 4.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on **May 21**, when we will review and discuss *An Elephant in the Garden*, by Michael Morpurgo. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com).
- 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**.
- Our next Fifth Sunday Mission Service Project will be held on **May 31** during the second half of worship and beyond. We ask that you wear your work clothes and shoes to church and bring your favorite tools to help us spruce up the campus. There will be inside and outside chores with light, medium, and heavy-duty tasks. A lunch will be provided around 12 PM.
- Children's Sunday will be held on **June 7**. It will be a special treat for the entire congregation as the children of the church share what they have learned while we sing a variety of songs.

### Save the Dates:

- **Sunday, July 12 at 12 PM**, we will host Pride Parade Preparations Event. We will share a lunch, decorate a float, tie dye shirts, and work with our sister churches to prepare for the Parade to be held on **Saturday, July 18 at 11 AM** on the corner of South Ave. at Science Pkwy.
- The Pride Service will be held at Lake Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday, **July 19 at 3 PM**.

### Giving:

- **For two more weeks**, we will be collecting select **hygiene items** for Brighton City School students who have needs 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 701 jellies and canned pastas. Let's keep our strong giving for those 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 will be held today in the library; Trustees Meeting will be Monday, May 18, on Zoom at 6 PM; and Council Meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, on Zoom at 6 PM.