



# Weep

*with those who*

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**WORSHIP OF GOD | May 3, 2026 | COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**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

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>Song of May</i>	Joseph Jongen
Chiming of the Hour		
For Meditation	<i>Jesus Wept</i>	John 11:35
Music for Meditation	<i>Ave verum corpus</i>	W.A. Mozart
Welcome and Invocation		Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
Invitation to Mission and Ministry	(children excused)	
Invitation To Worship		Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
One:	Peace be with you.	
<b>All:</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>	
One:	We lift up our hearts together,	
<b>All:</b>	<b>It is good to worship God together.</b>	
*Hymn	<i>Alleluia No. 1</i>	#291
Responsive Scripture	<i>Psalms 31:1-5</i>	Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
One:	In you, Lord, we have taken refuge; let us never be put to shame; deliver us in your righteousness.	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Turn your ear to us, come quickly to our rescue; be our rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save us.</b>	
One:	Since you are our rock and fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide us.	
<b>ALL:</b>	<b>Keep us free from the trap that is set for us, for you are our refuge.</b>	
One:	Into your hands we commit our spirits; deliver us, Lord, our faithful God.	

*\*please stand if able*

Special Music *Come, Share the Lord* Bryan Jeffery Leech,  
arr. Lloyd Larson

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

\*Hymn *With the Body That Was Broken* #691

Scripture and Prayer Romans 12:9-21

Sermon *Grieving* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response *Reflexion: With the Body that was Broken* John Jordan

The Service of the Lord's Supper Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby, assisting

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and loving God we confess to you that we find it easy to make judgments and hard to offer compassion. We confess also that we find it hard to forgive ourselves and forgive others. We ask that you will forgive us and show us the way to true community that we might walk in your ways and delight in your truth. Feed us with Your Spirit as we break the bread and drink the cup you have provided for us. May it be for us an assurance of your pardon. Amen.**

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

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

\*Closing Hymn *For the Life that You have Given* #684

Benediction



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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 Invitation to Mission and Ministry and return for Communion.
- Our Section Leader Recital will be held following a brief break after worship.
- After the recital, join us in Hubbell Hall for a potluck lunch. All are welcome!
- We are collecting a purse for Ashton Rapp, baritone and graduating senior today and next Sunday (before worship). Checks accepted by noon Thursday, May 7. Cash only on May 10.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Come Hear Naomi Sing in Kilbourn Hall!** - On Tuesday, May 5 at 11:40 AM, our wonderful soprano section leader, Naomi Chad, will perform a 25-minute Junior Jury of French songs in Kilbourn Hall at the Eastman School. This is free and open to the public. Please note: Listeners can only get into Kilbourn between juries. You should arrive by 11:20 AM to be ready for the ushers to escort you into the hall just ahead of Naomi's performance.
- Join 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, **May 6 and 13** (Chapters 3 and 4) in the library. All are welcome even if you have not yet attended.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on **May 7, Celebrating National Nurses Day, which is on May 12.** 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).
- Handbell Choir will rehearse on Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 27, and play in worship on May 31.
- 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.

### SAVE THE DATES:

- We will say goodbye to Ashton Rapp, graduating senior section leader, on May 10.
- Our next Fifth Sunday service will be held on May 31.
- 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.
- Each Communion Sunday we collect for the Center for Youth's Food Nook. Since July of 2025, we have donated 655 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 May; along with **Ushers**; and **Fellowship Time**. Information Sign-ups are also available.