

A landscape photograph of rolling hills with a rainbow arching across the sky. The hills are covered in green and brown vegetation, and the sky is a clear blue. The text "OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN." is overlaid on the top half of the image in a blue, serif font.

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WORSHIP OF GOD | JUNE 28, 2026

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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

Carl Galland, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude *Cantilena* (from Sonata II) Josef Rheinberger

Chiming of the Hour

Music For Meditation *He That Keepeth Israel* Adolphe Schlosser
Liyao Yu, mezzo soprano; Carl Galland, piano

Welcome and Invocation Bob Oaks

Invitation To Worship

One: We are called to be a community that worships and serves together.

All: We gather to share our love of God and neighbor.

One: We gather to sing and pray and listen.

**All: May we open our hearts and minds to each other and to God,
as we worship God together.**

*Hymn *Come, Great God of All the Ages* #548

Scripture *Matthew 6:19-21* Bob Oaks

Morning Prayer: Sharing our Joys and Concerns, ending with the Lord's Prayer in unison

Special Music *The Palms* Jean-Baptiste Fauré
Liyao Yu, mezzo soprano; Carl Galland, piano

Children's Time Pastor Joanne

The Hand of Christian Fellowship

We welcome Eric Perry in the name of Jesus Christ, who invited all to come and follow him and to know God. We promise, on this day and in his presence, to give Eric and his family our love, encouragement, and prayers as they grow with us in their faith commitment.

*Hymn *We Are The Church* #550

**please stand if able*

Scripture and Prayer

Philippians 3:10-21

Sermon

Good Citizens

Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

Gymnopédie No. 1

Erik Satie

Carl Galland, clarinet; Samuel Baker, organ

*Doxology

Praise God (Wren)

#147

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn

America The Beautiful

#727

Benediction

Postlude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God (Psalm 19)

Benedetto Marcello



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 in the offering plate. We look forward to getting to know you better!

If you have a **prayer request** you may make it during our Morning Prayer time or you may complete the reverse side of the connection card and drop it into the collection plate. It will be shared with those indicated, and if requested, sent out to our email prayer group. If you want to receive this weekly prayer request email, please sign up in the garden room or contact the church office.

INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

TODAY:

- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work with a special thank for Liyao Yu for singing in worship.
- Join us in the Garden Room, adjacent to the sanctuary, for a Fellowship Time with light treats following worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- This month's Book Club will meet on **June 30th (the fifth Tuesday)** at 11:30 AM. The book is *The Hazelbourne Ladies Motorcycle and Flying Club* by Helen Simonson. A bring-your-own-lunch and fellowship is at 11:30 AM with discussion at 12:00 noon.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will meet on **July 2, No OWLS program this week! Happy Independence Day!**
- Volunteer Musicians Needed: We have begun **our summer music program**. See our music director, Carl Galland, about signing up to do an instrumental or vocal solo for a Sunday in July or August. Carl is also looking for youth and adult instrumentalists to play in a chamber ensemble in a Sunday Service later this summer or in the fall. Please consider sharing your talents with us! Carl's email is carl@rochesterfbc.org.
- **Does anyone have an idea** for a Wednesday study topic or an Adult Sunday program for the next program year? We are in our planning stage and would love your ideas. Send your ideas to Pastor Katie Jo at katiejo@rochesterfbc.org.

SAVE THE DATES AND SIGN UP:

- **Will you be participating in Pride Events?** For all those wanting to march in the parade, we hope that everyone will wear a tie-dyed shirt. First Rochester will host a Pride Parade Preparations Event on **Sunday, July 12 at 12 PM**. We will share a lunch, decorate tie-dye shirts, and a parade float with our sister churches. The parade is on **Saturday, July 18** at 11 AM. It will begin at the corner of South Ave. at Science Pkwy with line-up around 10 AM. Sign up to receive text updates.
- The **Pride Service** will be held at Lake Avenue Baptist Church on **Sunday, July 19 at 3 PM**.

GIVING:

- Summer Giving to **Cameron's Diaper Ministry**. We will collect diapers, pull-ups, and wipes needed for clients at Cameron Community during the summer. Larger sizes are especially needed. If you feel called to give in this way, please place your gift on the white **Giving Table** located by the glass partition in the narthex or place "Diapers" in the memo line of your check made out to First Baptist Church.
- On our **next Communion Sunday**, we will give to the **Center for Youth's Food Nook**. Since July of 2025, we have donated 750 jars of jelly and canned pastas. This food is shared with teens in need and at risk.

SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- New sign-ups are available in the Garden Room for Readers, Ushers, or Fellowship. Pride Parade Planning Event. Pride Parade participation, and Information Sign-ups are also there.

MEETINGS:

- Mission Meeting is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month following worship in the library; Trustees Meeting is held on the 3rd Monday of the month. This month's meeting is on July 20 on campus at 6 PM; and Council Meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month on Zoom at 6 PM, unless otherwise noted.