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Seeds
fell on good
Soil

WORSHIP OF GOD | JULY 12, 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	<i>Andante sostenuto</i> (<u>Symphonie Gothique, Op. 70</u>)	C. M. Widor
Chiming of the Hour		
For Meditation	<i>Some of the seed falls on rocky ground.</i>	
Music For Meditation	<i>The Girl with Flaxen Hair</i> Carl Galland, clarinet; Samuel Baker, piano	Claude Debussy
Welcome and Invocation		Marcia McCarthy
Invitation To Worship		
One: We belong to God.		
All: We celebrate as children of God.		
One: We seek to follow God.		
All: God leads us to serve with humility and justice.		
Let us worship God.		
*Hymn	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	#40
Scripture	<i>Psalms 119:105-112</i>	Marcia McCarthy
Morning Prayer: Sharing our Joys and Concerns with the Lord's Prayer in unison		
Special Music	<i>My heart ever faithful</i> (<u>Cantata No. 68</u>) Carl Galland, clarinet; Samuel Baker, organ	J. S. Bach
Children's Time		Pastor Joanne
*Hymn	<i>God of the Sparrow</i>	#29
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Matthew 13:1-9</i>	
Sermon	<i>Sowing the Garden</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**please stand if able*

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

Prélude Modal

Jean Langlais

*Doxology

All Things Are Yours!
verse 1

#687

***All things are yours! We make that true when we return our gifts to you,
And so we give, and so we share, in Christ's strong name expressing care.***

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

#30

Benediction

Postlude

Rondeau (Sinfonie de Fanfares)

Jean-Joseph Mouret



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 the prayers by email, please sign up in the garden room or contact the church office.*

The best way to grow our church is for you to invite family, friends, or neighbors to join us in worship. To help you, we have created **invite** cards, found in the Narthex or Garden Room. Please take some and share. Thank you.



INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

TODAY:

- Our children will be released for a time of fun and fellowship following the Children's Time this week.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- Join us in the Garden Room, next to the sanctuary, for Fellowship Time with light treats after worship.
- For all those planning to march in the parade, we hope that you will stay **today, July 12**, as First Rochester hosts a Pride Parade Preparations Event at **12 noon**. We will share a lunch and decorate tie-dye shirts and parade float items with our sister region AWAB churches.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The office will be closed on Mondays for the summer until after Labor Day. Appointments may be arranged with specific staff members depending on their availability.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) **will meet on Thursday, July 16**, when we will watch the DVD for *Carol Burnett, Part 1*. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM, with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- The parade is **Saturday, July 18** at 11 AM. It will begin at the corner of South Ave. at Science Pkwy. Parade float touch-ups will be at 9:30 AM. Please sign up to receive text updates.
- The **Pride Service** will be held at Lake Avenue Baptist Church on **Sunday, July 19 at 3 PM**.
- July Book Club will be held on Tuesday, July 28 when we will discuss *Table for Two* by Amor Towles. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM with discussion at 12:00 noon.

FOR THE SUMMER AND PREPARING FOR THE FALL:

- Can you share your musical talents in our **summer music program**? Contact our music director, Carl Galland, carl@rochesterfbc.org, about 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.
- **Do you have an idea or topic** for a Wednesday Study or an Adult Sunday program for the next program year? Planning is taking place, so please send your ideas to Pastor Katie Jo at katiejo@rochesterfbc.org.

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 the 1st Sunday of the month, we collect jars of jelly and canned pasta for the **Center for Youth's FoodNook**. Since July of 2025, we have donated 758 items. This food is shared with teens in need and at risk.

SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- Sign-ups are available in the Garden Room for **Readers**, Ushers, or Fellowship and the Parade Planning Event, participation in the Pride Parade, and Information from the church. Please sign up.

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, it is July 20 at 6 PM on campus.
- Council Meeting is held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month on Zoom at 6 PM, unless otherwise noted.