

A pink felt heart is centered on a light gray textured background. The heart has a rough, handmade edge. Overlaid on the heart is the text 'WHO WILL SEPARATE US FROM THE' in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below this, the word 'Love' is written in a large, light pink, cursive script. At the bottom of the heart, the words 'OF CHRIST?' are written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

WHO WILL
SEPARATE US
FROM THE

Love
OF CHRIST?

WORSHIP OF GOD | JULY 26, 2026

First Rochester | An American Baptist Church

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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby, assistant pastor, preaching
Carl Galland, music director | Samuel Baker, organist

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude	<i>Voluntaries, Op. 14</i>	Edward Elgar
Chiming of the Hour		
Music For Meditation	<i>3 Romances, Op. 94: No. 1 Nicht Schnell</i> Madison Warren, french horn; Carl Galland, piano	Robert Schumann
Welcome and Invocation		Judy and Richard Wien
Invitation To Worship		
Leader: We gather looking for God in the extraordinary.		
People: Yet God often meets us in the ordinary.		
Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like a tiny seed planted in the earth.		
People: Small enough to overlook, yet destined to become a place of shelter and life.		
Leader: The kingdom is like yeast hidden in flour.		
People: Quietly, patiently, it transforms everything it touches.		
Leader: The kingdom is like treasure hidden in a field, and a pearl beyond all price.		
People: When we discover God's reign, nothing else compares.		
Leader: Come with open hearts. Watch for God's quiet work among us.		
People: We worship the One whose kingdom grows in hidden ways until all creation is made new.		
*Hymn	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	#349
Scripture	<i>Romans 8:26-39</i>	Judy and Richard Wien
Morning Prayer: Sharing our Joys and Concerns with the Lord's Prayer in unison		
Special Music	<i>Variationen</i> Madison Warren, french horn; Carl Galland, piano	Jan Koetsier
Children's Time		Pastor Katie Jo
*Hymn	<i>The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy</i>	next page
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52</i>	
Sermon	<i>When God Gets Everything God Wants</i>	Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication		
Music for Response	<i>Melody, Op. 46, No. 4</i>	Alexandre Guilmant

*Doxology

Praise God

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, the heavenly host; Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

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Benediction

Postlude

Les Cloches

Nicolas Lebegue

The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy

1. The king-dom of God is jus - tice and joy; for Je - sus re -
2. The king-dom of God is mer - cy and grace; the cap - tives are
3. The king-dom of God is chal - lenge and choice; be - lieve the good
4. God's king-dom is come, the gift and the goal; in Je - sus be -

stores what sin would de - stroy. God's pow - er and glo - ry in
freed, the sin - ners find place. The out - casts are wel - comed God's
news, re - pent and re - joice! His love for us sin - ners brought
gun, in heav - en made whole. The heirs of the king - dom shall

Je - sus we know, and here and here - af - ter the king-dom shall grow.
ban - quet to share, and hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
Christ to his cross, our cri - sis of judg - ment for gain or for loss.
an - swer his call, and all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God All - in - all.

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

If you have a **prayer request**, you may make it at a microphone 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.

TODAY:

- Our children will **remain in worship today**.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- A special thank you to Madison Warren for playing the french horn in worship today.
- Join us in the Garden Room, next to the sanctuary, for Fellowship Time with treats after worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The office remains closed on Mondays for the summer until after Labor Day. Appointments may be arranged with specific staff members depending on their availability.
- 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.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) **will meet on Thursday, July 30**, when we will once again enjoy the musical entertainmet of the Bradley Brothers. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM, with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- There will be a baptism at the church on August 9, before worship begins. We hope you will come and share in this joyous event.

FOR THE SUMMER AND PREPARING FOR THE FALL:

- Carl Galland, our music director, is seeking youth and adult instrumentalists to play in a chamber ensemble in a Sunday Service later this summer or in the fall. If you play an instrument, please get in touch with him on a Sunday or at carl@rochesterfbc.org.
- **Do you have an idea or topic** for a Wednesday Study or an Adult Sunday Forum for the next program year? Planning is underway, so please send your ideas by August 10th 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 Food Nook**. 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 Information from the church. Please sign up.