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Delight
in the law of
God

WORSHIP OF GOD | JULY 5, 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 *Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness* J. S. Bach

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation *If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* I John 1:9

Music For Meditation *If With All Your Hearts (Elijah)* Felix Mendelssohn
Carl Gallard, clarinet; Samuel Baker, piano

Welcome and Invocation Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

Invitation To Worship

One: We come as your confessing people.

All: We come seeking your transforming spirit.

One: We come to be forgiven, as we pray and worship.

All: Accept now, O God, the worship of your people, we pray. Amen

One: Let us worship God together.

*Hymn *Amazing Grace* #422

Scripture Ezekiel 18:1-9, 30 Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Special Music *Once Upon a Universe (Of God and Cats)* Jake Heggie
Janelle Cannon, soprano; Carl Galland, piano

Morning Prayer: Sharing our Joys and Concerns

*Hymn *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* #446

Scripture and Prayer *Romans 7:15-25a*

Sermon *"That which I would not" ... knowing better* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

**please stand if able*

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

arr. Charles Callahan

Invitation to Lord's Supper

Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Invitation and Institution

Prayer and Unison Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

We observe an open communion. All are welcome to the table.

*The Covenant of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, NY in unison

Believing that God has called us into being as persons and as a church; confessing that the adoration of God leads to the fullest experience of our humanity; accepting Jesus Christ as the human face of God, and the One we know as a brother, teacher, confessor, redeemer, Lord, and Savior; promising faithfulness to the way of Christ and to the unique community of the Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we establish this covenant with God and each other:

- **To uphold the purpose of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, which is to inspire trust in God and to develop disciples of Jesus Christ.**
- **To endeavor to live by the moral and ethical principles taught by Christ and revealed in scripture, and to be cheerful stewards of our wealth, wisdom, work, and world.**
- **To uphold freedom of religious expression, to honor the diverse ways in which God is known among us, and to strive for social justice within all human relationships.**
- **To create a worshiping community characterized by love, the study of scripture, prayer, forgiveness, peace, joy, and welcome.**
- **To accept the risks that accompany the holy process of transformation and the struggles of any community that follows Jesus with passion.**
- **To pursue our common vision to raise the quality of life in Jesus' name for the congregation, the community, and the world through our ministries of compassionate service.**

Benediction

*Parting Hymn

Heal Me, Hands of Jesus

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*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.*

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!

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, with a special thank for Janelle Cannon for singing in worship.
- Today, and each 1st Sunday, we collect jars of jelly and canned pasta for the **Center for Youth's Food Nook**. Since July of 2025, we have donated 750 items. This food is shared with teens in need and at risk.
- Join us in the Garden Room, next to the sanctuary, for a Fellowship Time with light treats after worship.
- 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) **will meet on July 9**, we will review the book *The Sideways Life of Denny Ross*, by Holly Kennedy. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- Can you share your musical talents in our **summer music program**? If yes, 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? Please 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 and 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.

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.