



Unified

ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 16, 2026

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

Prelude *If you will trust in God to guide you* Johann Ludwig Krebs
(Please refer to hymn #429 for text)

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation
Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

Music For Meditation *Lord, Jesus Christ* Cantionale Germanicum
A trio from the Recorder Society Dresden, 1628

Welcome Eric and Harmony Perry

Invitation To Worship
One: Christ calls us to this place, to worship God.
All: We answer the call, let us worship God.

Unison Prayer
We gather as one body, seeking to learn and grow in your love, O God. Make us aware of your great presence and guidance that we might be a unified voice of love in this world. Amen.

*Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* #598

Scripture *Psalm 133* Eric and Harmony Perry

Morning Prayer: Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Sharing our Joys and Concerns with Unison Lord's Prayer

Special Music *Fantazia* John Hilton
A trio from the Recorder Society 1599-1657

Children's Time Pastor Joanne

*Hymn *In Christ There Is No East or West* #603

Scripture and Prayer *Ephesians 3:1-4, 6*

Sermon *Unified in God's Spirit* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

A Solis Ortus
A trio from the Recorder Society

Giovanni P. da Palestrina
1525-1594

*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

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

#595

Benediction

Postlude

Old Hundredth

arr. Brenda Portman



Rochester Chapter of the American Recorder Society

A trio from the Recorder Society is providing music for this morning's service. Two of the trio are **not** playing recorders - they are also members of the Viola da Gamba Society of America.

We welcome our guest musicians:

Cathie Foster, alto and tenor recorder; Pat Hanley, tenor gamba; and Tod Romo, bass gamba.



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, 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 several and share. Thank you.

INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

TODAY:

- Our children will remain in church today.
- Thank you to the members of the Rochester Chapter of the American Recorder Society, that meets at our church on Tuesday evenings, for providing music today in worship,
- 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 and treats after worship.
- There will be a brief Mission Meeting today. Grab a treat and meet in the Library.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will gather on Thursday, August 20, when we will review *The Friend of the Family*, by Dean Koontz. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM, with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- August Book Club will be held on Tuesday, August 25, when we will discuss *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM with discussion at 12:00 noon.
- 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.
- **5th Sunday Mission Project** will be to pack over 200 backpacks with various school supplies for Rochester City School 17. Join us, as part of worship, on Sunday, August 30.

FOR THE SUMMER AND PREPARING FOR THE FALL:

- Our Children's and Adult Choir programs will resume on September 13. All voice types are needed for Adult Choir, which meets at 9:15 AM in the Choir Room before Sunday Service, and all children are invited to attend Children's Choir at 11:15 AM -12:00 PM after Sunday Services. Youth and adult instrumentalists are also invited to play in an ensemble at our Thanksgiving Service on November 22. Interested in any of the above? Talk to Carl on Sunday or email him 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 to Pastor Joanne at joanne@rochesterfbc.org, while Pastor Katie Jo is away.
- A special performance of *Come From Away*, 2019 Olivier Award-Winning Musical, will be held on October 14th at 11 AM on the JCC's CenterStage. This special seniors and church family performance has discounted tickets for \$25 (a \$20 discount). Payment must be made by Sept. 1st to Kandee Tabor (OWLS leader). You can reserve your seat today, but reservations will only be confirmed after payment is made. Her email is kandeetabor@gmail.com. *Come From Away* is a remarkable true story of a small Newfoundland town that opened its arms to nearly 7,000 travelers when they were turned into an international sleepover for passengers from 38 planes who were diverted to them on 9/11.

GIVING:

- After today, we have only 2 Sundays left for our Summer Giving to Cameron's Diaper Ministry. We are collecting diapers, pull-ups, and wipes needed for clients at Cameron Community during the summer. 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.
- We collected 26 items of canned pasta for the Center for Youth's Food Nook. Since July of 2025, we have donated 784 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 for September and October, Ushers, or Fellowship, and Information from the church. Please sign up.