



THOSE WHO  
*Hope*  
IN THE  
LORD...

Isaiah 40:31a

**WORSHIP OF GOD | AUGUST 2, 2026 | COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**First Rochester | An American Baptist Church**

**175 Allens Creek Road | Rochester, New York 14618 | [rochesterfbc.org](http://rochesterfbc.org)**

**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

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Camille Saint-Saens

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation

*Now faith is confidence in what we hope for  
and assurance about what we do not see. – Hebrews 11:1*

Music For Meditation

*Glassworks: I. Opening*  
Andrea Tao, piano

Philip Glass

Welcome, Invocation, and Invitation to Mission and Ministry (Children excused)

Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Invitation To Worship (Our Covenant)

One: 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:

**All: We covenant 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.**

One: We 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.

**All: We seek 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.**

One: We hope to create a worshiping community characterized by love, the study of scripture, prayer, forgiveness, peace, joy, and welcome.

**All: We accept the risks that accompany the holy process of transformation and the struggles of any community that follows Jesus with passion. Together we 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. Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

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Scripture

*Isaiah 40:21-31*

Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Special Music

*The Heart Asks Pleasure First*  
Andrea Tao, piano

Michael Nyman

## Morning Prayer: Sharing our Joys and Concerns

\*Hymn *Lord of All Hopefulness* #469

Scripture and Prayer *Matthew 13:31-35*

Sermon *The dance of faith and hope* Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response *Piece pour Orgue* Cesar Frank

Invitation to the Lord's Table Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon  
Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby

Invitation & Institution

Unison Prayer:

***Have mercy on us, dear God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant grace, forgive our sins. Wash and cleanse us thoroughly, so that You can create within us a clean heart. Put a new right spirit within us. Never cast us away from your presence, and please do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore in us now, the joy of Your salvation in the eating of this bread and this cup, that going forth we might be sustained in your spirit. Amen.***

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*We observe an open communion; all are welcome at the table.*

Benediction

\*Parting Hymn *I Then Shall Live* #372

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***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.

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## INVITATION TO MISSION AND MINISTRY

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### TODAY:

- Our children will be excused following the Invitation to Mission and Ministry and return for Communion.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- A special thank you to Andrea Tao for playing the piano in worship today.
- Join us in the Garden Room, next to the sanctuary, for Fellowship Time with treats after worship.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) **will meet on Thursday, August 6**, when we will *Meet James Holman, the blind traveler, historian, adventurer, writer, who visited Africa, Asia, and America from 1827-1832*. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM, with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto: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. Please arrive by 9:55 AM and gather in the chapel, if you are able.
- 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.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:katiejo@rochesterfbc.org). After August 10 to September 30, while Pastor Katie Jo is away, please send your ideas to Pastor Joanne at [joanne@rochesterfbc.org](mailto:joanne@rochesterfbc.org).
- **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 September 1 to Kandee Tabor (OWLS leader). You can reserve your seat today, but reservations will only be confirmed after payment is made. Kandee's email is [kandeetabor@gmail.com](mailto:kandeetabor@gmail.com). *Come From Away* is a remarkable true story of a small Newfoundland town that opened their 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:

- **Today**, Communion Sunday, 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.
- One month left for our Summer Giving to **Cameron's Diaper Ministry**. We will collect 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.

### 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.