

ON THIS

Rock

**I WILL BUILD
MY CHURCH.**

MATTHEW 16:18

ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 23, 2026

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Carl Galland, music director | Samuel Baker, organist**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude *Folk Tune* Percy Whitlock

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation

*My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way,
and my arm will bring justice to the nations... Isaiah 51:5*

Music For Meditation *Aria del pastore* Francesca Caccini
Rochester Chapter of the American Recorder Society; Outreach Group; Mario Errico, director

Welcome and Invocation Kandee Tabor

Invitation To Worship *Psalms 138 Responsive Reading*

One: Lord, I will praise you with all my heart.
In front of those who think they are gods I will sing praise to you.

**All: I will bow down facing your holy temple.
I will praise your name, because you are always loving and faithful.**

One: You have honored your holy word even more than your own fame.

**All: When I called out to you, you answered me.
You made me strong and brave.**

One: Lord, may all the kings on earth praise you
when they hear about what you have decided.

**All: Lord, may they sing about what you have done,
because your glory is great.**

One: Though the Lord is high above all, he cares for the lowly.
Though he is in heaven above, he sees them on earth below.

**All: Trouble is all around me, but you keep me alive.
You reach out your hand to put a stop to the anger of my enemies.**

One: With your powerful hand you save me.
Lord, you will show that I was right to trust you.

**All: Lord, your faithful love continues forever.
You have done so much for us, so don't stop now.**

*Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* #111

Scripture *Isaiah 51:1-6* Kandee Tabor

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

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 for providing music today for 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will gather on Thursday, August 27, with *More Musical Entertained by Tom Dunn*. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM, with lunch and program at 12:15 PM. Donations welcomed. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- 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 that were diverted to them on 9/11.

GIVING:

- After today, we have only 1 Sunday 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.