

I choose
to loose the bonds
of injustice...



and to break
every yoke?

Isaiah 58:6

ORDER OF WORSHIP | AUGUST 30, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY MISSION PROJECT
First Rochester | An American Baptist Church | www.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 *Allegro Molto* Franz Schubert

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving. — Mother Theresa.

Welcome and Invocation Anne Freeman

Invitation To Worship

One: We gather together to worship.

ALL: We gather together for the cause of justice.

One: We gather together to encourage each other to serve and love.

ALL: We gather together in Christ's name. Let us worship God.

*Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #87

Scripture *Psalm 105:1-6* Anne Freeman

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

Special Music *To A Wild Rose* Edward MacDowell

Scripture Responsive Reading *Psalm 106:1-5*

One: Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

ALL: Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord or fully declare his praise?

One: Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

ALL; Remember me, Lord, when you show favor to your people, come to my aid when you save them,

One; that I may enjoy the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may share in the joy of your nation

ALL: and join your inheritance in giving praise.

*Hymn *A Place At The Table*, v 1-3 #453

Scripture and Prayer *A Medley of Scripture on Justice*

Music Interlude

Poem

Pastor Joanne

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

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*Doxology

Give Thanks (no repeats)

#359

***Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ, the Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong"; let the poor say "I am rich";
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give Thanks.***

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn

As The Deer

#471

Unison Benediction

(Words by Bryan Jeffery Leech, #579, v.3)

***This is a time to remember the Church is God's, not ours;
This is a time to surrender ourselves, our wealth, our powers;
This is a time to be servants—to give ourselves away,
Building the Church of the future until the coming day.***



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.
- Join us in Hubbell Hall following worship for our Fifth Sunday Mission project when we will pack backpack with supplies for Rochester City School #17.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- Join us in Hubbell Hall for Fellowship Time and treats after worship today as we pack for our Fifth Sunday Mission Project.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- There will be no OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) this week. See you again on September 10 when we will gather at the JCC, 1200 Edgewood. If you are regularly picked up the driver will make the change. If you drive yourself, we will meet you at the JCC front desk. We will exercise and meet in Auditorium A. Then we will walk to the theater to hear Ralph Meranto how "Come From Away" came to the JCC. 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.

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 **Tuesday, Sept. 1st** to Kande 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:

- Today is the last Sunday 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.
- Next week, we will accept items of canned pasta and jellies for the Center for Youth's Food Nook. Since July of 2025, we have donated 784 items and want to expand these gifts. The Center for Youth shares this food 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.