



**WE ARE THE CLAY,
YOU ARE THE POTTER:**

**WE ARE ALL THE WORK
OF YOUR HAND.**

Isaiah 64:8

ORDER OF WORSHIP | SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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Naomi Chad, soprano; Paige Robinson, alto; Jonathan Ellwanger, tenor; Kit Chan, bass

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Prelude	<i>Aria on A Chaconne</i>	Joel Martinson
Chiming of the Hour		
For Meditation		
	Romans 28:23: <i>Listen and hear my voice; pay attention and hear what I say. NIV</i>	
Music for Meditation	<i>The Swan</i>	Camille Saint-Saëns
Welcome and Invocation		Bob Oaks
Invitation To Worship		
One:	Isaiah tells us there is a voice of one calling in the desert. Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God.	
All:	For every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level and the rugged places a plain.	
One:	And the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all flesh will see it.	
All:	For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. Let us praise and worship together.	
*Hymn	<i>When in Our Music God is Glorified</i>	#7
Scripture	<i>Isaiah 63:7-19</i>	Bob Oaks
Morning Prayer:		Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
	Sharing our Joys and Concerns with Unison Lord's Prayer	
Special Music	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, Come</i>	by Cesar Frank
Children's Time		Pastor Joanne
*Hymn	<i>You Servants of God</i>	#112
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Isaiah 64:1-12</i>	
Sermon	<i>Wetting the Appetite</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response

Hornpipe

John S. Dixon

*Doxology

Thank you, Lord

***Thank you, Lord, thank you, Lord,
Thank you, Lord, I just want to thank you, Lord.***

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Music

I will Sing of the Mercies

#60

Benediction

Postlude

Fugetta: When in Our Music God Is Glorified

arr. Richard Proulx

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. You may also make a prayer request on the reverse side. We look forward to getting to know you better and praying with you.

TODAY:

- Adult Choir rehearses at 9:15 AM in the Choir Room.
- Our children will depart for Sunday School following Children's Time. Then, following a brief time of fellowship, our children will gather in the Choir Room for Children's Choir (11:15 AM to 12 PM).
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- We welcome you to a time of Fellowship with treats in the Garden Room adjacent to the sanctuary.
- Join us in the sanctuary for Sunday Forum (Second Hour), to hear from Heritage Munyakuri about his life in Congo, refugee camps, immigration, and the current experience of immigrants in the U.S.
- Today begins our ABC-USA World Mission Offering. This and next Sunday we will receive your special gifts to support Global Servants and their mission and ministry work all over the world. Thank you for considering your gift. A guide to current International Ministries' Global Servants may be found in the Garden Room.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) for September 24, will be *Celebrating a Sand Medallion* with Pastor Katie Jo sharing her recent experiences in California with monks and their mandala creation. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM with lunch and program beginning at 12:15 PM. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- For an informative and interesting continuation of our Wednesday Program, we will meet on September 23 and 30, at 6:00 PM, in the Chapel to discuss concepts from Brené Brown's documentary, *The Call to Courage*. The ideas presented encompass courage, bravery, vulnerability as strength, and taking emotional risks. For anyone who wishes, you may either watch the first 45 minutes of the Netflix documentary on your own or on Wednesday, Sept. 23, you may arrive at 5:15 PM, when we will start it at the beginning.
- Dr. Dodgson's Celebration of Life Service will be held on September 26, 2026 at 10 AM in the sanctuary. Following the service there will be refreshments in Hubbell Hall.
- Join us next Sunday, Sept. 27 during Second Hour when Heritage Munyakuri returns to Sunday Forum continuing to share stories on his life in Congo, refugee camps, immigration, and the current experience of immigrants in the U.S.
- FBCR Book Club for September will be held on the 5th Tuesday, September 29. This month will be a double feature with *Theo of Golden* by Allan Levi and *Broken Country* by Clare Leslie Hall. Join us at 11:30 AM with a bring your own lunch and fellowship then our book discussions will begin at noon. We welcome new people any month. See you then!
- A special matinee performance of *Come From Away*, will be held on October 14th at 11 AM on the JCC's CenterStage for seniors, friends, and family for a discounted price of \$25. There are only a few tickets left so let Kandeet Tabor at kandeetabor@gmail.com your interest. Payment is due immediately to reserve your ticket (first paid, first served).

PREPARING FOR THIS FALL:

- Youth and adult instrumentalists are invited to play in an ensemble on Sunday, November 22 at our Thanksgiving Service. Talk to Carl on Sunday or email him at carl@rochesterfbc.org, if you are interested in joining this ensemble.
- 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.

GIVING:

- Thank you to everyone who helped pack hygiene and snack kits for Cameron Community's Street Ministry last Sunday.
- On Communion Sundays, the first Sunday of the month, we accept items of canned pasta and jellies for the Center for Youth's Food Nook. Since July of 2025, we have donated 832 items. 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 to receive Information from the church. Please sign up.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Mission Meeting: 3rd Sunday of the month following a brief fellowship in the library.
- Trustees: 3rd Monday of the month, 6 PM on Zoom.
- Council: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6 PM on Zoom.
- Combined Council and Trustees meeting on October 20 in the Chapel at 6 PM.