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ORDER OF WORSHIP | OCTOBER 11, 2026 | INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WEEKEND

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

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

Prelude *Children's Corner: No. 3 Serenade for a Doll* Claude Debussy

Chiming of the Hour

For Meditation

*Though you soar like the eagle and make your nest among the stars,
from there I will bring you down, declares the Lord. Obadiah 1:4 NIV*

Music for Meditation *Allegretto* Hermann Schroeder

Welcome and Invocation Daryl Hunt

Invitation To Worship

One: Our ancestors were blessed by God, but they were far from perfect.

All: We pray for God's blessings to come to us, even though we are far from perfect.

One: God promised to turn Abraham's children into a blessing for all nations.
But Abraham needed to be convinced several times.

**All: We, too, often need assurance and reassurance as we try to be a blessing
to all nations.**

One: God was faithful to our ancestors. They often abandoned God and strayed
from the path, but God never left them.

**All: Even though we have left the path before, and may leave the path again,
we hold this assurance dear to us: God will never leave us.**

One: Our ancestors had a limited view of God, but followed God anyway.

**All: We follow God as best we can. May our limited view of God be ever expanding.
Amen.**

*Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* #59

Scripture *Genesis 25:19-28* Daryl Hunt

Morning Prayer, sharing our joys and concerns with unison Lord's Prayer Rev. Katie Jo
Suddaby

Special Music *Christ Be Our Sure Foundation* Noel Jones

Children's Time Pastor Katie Jo

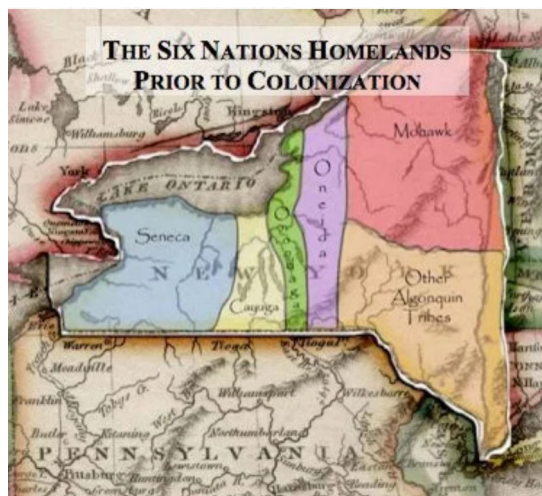
*Hymn	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>	#593
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Obadiah</i>	
Sermon	<i>I'm wrong, but I'm still angry.</i>	Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication		
Music for Response	<i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	arr. Andrew Fletcher
Doxology	<i>Give Thanks</i>	
<i>Give thanks 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.</i>		
Invitation to Mission and Ministry		
Benediction		
*Closing Hymn	<i>If My People's Hearts Are Humbled</i>	#383
Postlude	<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King!</i>	arr. Brenda Portman



INDIGENOUS PEOPLES WEEKEND

We acknowledge the land around us with respect to the Seneca Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, whose ancestral lands our church, the Town of Brighton, the City of Rochester, and surrounding towns now occupy.

We encourage every member of our community to learn more about its original inhabitants.



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:

- First Rochester Choir rehearses Sundays at 9:15 AM in the Choir Room (the first room in our Education Wing). All interested singers are welcome to join us on October 25 to rehearse.
- Our children will depart for Sunday School after Children's Time. There will be no Children's Choir this week. Next Sunday, Children's Choir should arrive at 9:15 AM to rehearse for singing in worship.
- 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 after today's service.
- This weekend is Indigenous Peoples Weekend. On the previous page, please read the statement and see the image of the Six Nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, in what is now the State of New York.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The church office will be closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day.
- Join us as we dive a little deeper into the Minor Prophets during Wednesday Studies, 6 PM. Each week we will look at the prophet discussed on the previous Sunday. On October 14, Obadiah, and October 21, Ezekiel. Following our Sunday's 2027 Stewardship launch and luncheon, the October 28 Wednesday study, will be on the History of Halloween and All Saints' Day.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) will not be held on October 15 but instead, with many friends, will meet for a special matinee showing of *Come From Away* at the JCC CenterStage on October 14 at 11:00 AM.
- Your Trustees and Council are hard at work on a five/ten year plan for our church. You will be invited to give input and ideas along the way. All aspects of church life, program, staff, financial, and building needs are being discussed. On October 25th, we will kick off the 2027 Stewardship Campaign with a presentation by Council and Trustees, followed by a luncheon. The meal will be provided for us, so you do not need to worry about bringing a dish to pass. We want everyone here, eager to share together as we consider how we will grow together into our future. **Mark Sunday, October 25 on your calendars now!**
- Youth and adult instrumentalists are invited to play in an ensemble on Sunday, November 22 at our Thanksgiving Service. Email Carl at carl@rochesterfbc.org, or talk with him on Sunday if you are interested in joining this ensemble.

GIVING:

- 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 867 items. The Center for Youth shares this food with teens in need and at risk.

SIGN-UPS IN THE GARDEN ROOM:

- **Your Help Is Needed!** Sign-ups are available in the Garden Room for **Readers** in October, November, and December; **Ushers; and Fellowship**.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Mission Meeting: 3rd Sunday of the month in the library after fellowship.
- Combined Council and Trustees meeting on October 20 in the Chapel at 6 PM.