

ORDER OF WORSHIP | OCTOBER 25, 2026

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Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon, senior pastor | Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby, assistant pastor
Jessica Irfan, CE Coordinator | Carl Galland, music director | Samuel Baker, organist
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 *Whatever God Ordains Is Right* Joh. G. Walther

Chiming of the Hour

Music for Meditation *God Loves a Cheerful Giver* Medical Mission Sisters

Medical Mission Sisters have given permission to share their music in worship. medicalmissionsisters.org

Welcome and Invocation Andrea Tao

Invitation To Worship

One Come friends, gather together and magnify the Lord with me.

All: Let us praise God in the presence of this company.

One: Come friends, let us raise our voices in song.

All: Let us support each other in prayer.

One: Let us listen as one people, let us worship God.

*Hymn *We Have Come to Join in Worship* #647

Scripture *Psalm 1 NRSV* Andrea Tao

One: Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**All: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

One They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

**All: The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

One: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**All: for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

*if able please stand

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

Special Music — *I Will Sing with the Spirit* — John Rutter

Children's Time — Bob Oaks

*Hymn — *All Things Are Yours!* — #687

Scripture and Prayer — *2 Corinthians 9:7*

Unison: **Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

Sermon — *On the Subject of Giving* — Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon

Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication

Music for Response — *Let All Together Praise Our God* — Dietrich Buxtehude

Doxology — *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be.
All that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

Invitation to Mission and Ministry

*Closing Hymn — *Like a River Glorious* — #435

Benediction

Postlude — *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* — arr. Robert Hobby

*if able please stand

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:

- Our children will leave worship following Children's Time for Sunday School. There will be Children's Choir rehearsal immediately after. They will join us for lunch when finished.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who make Sunday worship and programs work.
- Please plan to remain in worship after the postlude for a brief presentation from the church leadership on a five- to ten-year plan for our church. We expect it to spark conversations, and we seek your feedback and ideas. The presentation will be followed by a church-provided luncheon in Hubbell Hall around 11:30 AM.

Upcoming Events:

- Book Club will meet on October 27 at 11:30 AM for fellowship and to discuss the book, *The Lost Bookshop* by Evie Woods.
- Wednesday Evenings led by Pastor Katie Jo: On October 28, we will look at the *History of Halloween and All Saints' Day*. In November, we will return to a deeper dive into the Prophets from the previous Sunday. On November 4 - Daniel, November 11 - Amos, concluding the month on November 18 with a *Service of Gratitude* in the Chapel at 6 PM. There will No Wednesday Study on November 25.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on Thursday, October 29 will host *Randy Hope and Friends presenting Country Music*. Chair exercise is at 11:30 AM with a lunch and program beginning at 12:15 PM. Please RSVP to Kandee at *kandeetabor@gmail.com.*
- Sunday Forum for November 1 will be *Comparing Christian and Buddhist Ideas and Practices* led by Pastor Katie Jo.
- Mark your calendars for the First Rochester's Choir musical worship on Sunday, December 6 and our Children are preparing to lead us in worship on Sunday, December 13. You won't want to miss both of these special Advent Sundays!

Giving:

- Next week on Communion Sunday, 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.
- The Giving Tree will accept your donations for the STAR program, gifts for children served by Cameron Community. STAR Gift Tags will be placed on the Giving Tree as soon as they are made available to us. We ask you to return your gifts no later than Sunday, November 22, when wrapping will take place. We will accept your donations of wrapping paper, large gift bags, tissue paper, and tape (placed under the Giving Tree).
- Our next 5th Sunday Mission Project will be on November 29, when we will pack cold weather kits for the Street Ministries of Cameron Community and House of Mercy.

Sign-ups in the Garden Room:

- Sign-ups are available in the Garden Room for Readers in November, and December; Ushers; and Fellowship.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Mission Meeting: 3rd Sunday of the month, November 15 in the library after fellowship.
- Trustees will meet on November 16 on Zoom at 6 PM.
- Council will meet on November 17 on Zoom at 6 PM.