

A Global Table of GRACE

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



ORDER OF WORSHIP | OCTOBER 4, 2026 | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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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**

Painting by Dr. Kenneth V. Dodgson;
Good Friday Prayer Vigil at FBCR, March 2002

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

Prelude	<i>Beautiful Savior</i>	arr. Dale Wood
Chiming of the Hour		
For Meditation	<i>But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshis, from the presence of the Lord. Jonah 1:3</i>	
Music for Meditation	<i>Jesus Took the Cup</i> First Rochester Choir	Scottish tune arr. Hal H. Hopson
Welcome and Invocation		Christopher Oaks
Invitation To Worship		
One:	Friends, why have we gathered here this day?	
All:	We are gathered as the people of God to offer praise and thanksgiving to God, to confess our sin, to pray for our loved ones and the world, and to rededicate ourselves as God's servants. Let us worship God.	
	(A Manual of Worship, Judson Press, pg 7)	
*Hymn	<i>We Come As Guests Invited</i>	#702
Scripture	<i>Psalms 80</i>	Christopher Oaks
Special Music	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i> First Rochester Choir	Edward C. Bairstow
Morning Prayer, sharing our joys and concerns with unison Lord's Prayer		Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby
Invitation to Mission and Ministry		
*Hymn	<i>Search Me, O God</i>	#385
Scripture and Prayer	<i>Jonah 1:1-4, 1:17-2:10</i>	
Sermon	<i>That Big Fish!</i>	Rev. Joanne Gilbert-Cannon
Giving our Gifts to God and Dedication		
Music for Response	<i>O Christ, Thou Lamb of God</i>	Helmut Walcha

Invitation to the Lord's Table *World Communion Sunday* Rev. Katie Jo Suddaby, assisting

Invitation and Institution (A Manual for Worship, Judson Press, page 14)

One: Let us give thanks to God... for his teaching and example and for his love.

All: We thank you, O God.

One: For Christ's victory on the cross,

All: We thank you, O God.

One: For the hope that comes through his resurrection,

All: We thank you, O God.

One: For the promise that in him all things will be made new,

All: We thank you, O God.

One: Grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may... Christ may come to dwell among us.

All: And through him we may know you, whom to know is life eternal. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

We observe an open communion; all are welcome.

*The Covenant of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, NY

Believing that God has called us into being as persons and as a church; confessing that the adoration of God leads to the fullest experience of our humanity; accepting Jesus Christ as the human face of God, and the One we know as a brother, teacher, confessor, redeemer, Lord, and Savior; promising faithfulness to the way of Christ and to the unique community of the Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we establish this covenant with God and each other:

- ***To uphold the purpose of the First Baptist Church of Rochester, which is to inspire trust in God and to develop disciples of Jesus Christ.***
- ***To endeavor to live by the moral and ethical principles taught by Christ and revealed in scripture, and to be cheerful stewards of our wealth, wisdom, work, and world.***
- ***To uphold freedom of religious expression, to honor the diverse ways in which God is known among us, and to strive for social justice within all human relationships.***
- ***To create a worshiping community characterized by love, the study of scripture, prayer, forgiveness, peace, joy, and welcome.***
- ***To accept the risks that accompany the holy process of transformation and the struggles of any community that follows Jesus with passion.***
- ***To pursue our common vision to raise the quality of life in Jesus' name for the congregation, the community, and the world through our ministries of compassionate service.***

Benediction

*Closing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

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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:

- Today is World Communion Sunday. A variety of breads will be provided during communion, representing different cultures.
- Thank you to the First Rochester Choir for singing in worship today. If you would like to participate, rehearsals are at 9:15 AM on Sundays in the Choir Room.
- Our children will depart for Sunday School after today's Welcome and will return for the Invitation to the Lord's Table. Children's Choir will be from 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.
- Second Hour today we host Lorinda Parks, MD, who is the daughter of a progressive Methodist pastor, and grew up to choose a career as a family medicine doctor. She has been drawn to the ways that faith intersect with the study of medicine. She will share information on the ways that medical aid in dying, a new NYS law, is rolling out in Rochester and answer your questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 7, Jonah; October 14, Obadiah; and October 21, Ezekiel. On October 28, following our 2027 Stewardship launch, we will look at the History of Halloween and All Saints' Day.
- OWLS (Older Wiser Learning Seniors) on October 8 will review *2027 Medicare Health and available Supplemental Insurance*. Chair exercise at 11:30 AM with lunch and program beginning at 12:15 PM. Please RSVP to kandeetabor@gmail.com.
- 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 at a discounted price of \$25. There are only a few tickets left. You can reach Kandee Tabor at kandeetabor@gmail.com, if you wish to attend. Payment is due immediately to reserve your ticket (first paid, first served).
- 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 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 October, November, and December; Ushers; or Fellowship; and to receive Information from the church.

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.