

Worship on the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 2, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor
Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude Largo from Symphony No. 9 Antonín Dvořák

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Call to Worship Psalm 89:15-18
Happy are those who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance.
They exult in your name all day long, and extol your goodness.
For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor we go forward.
For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king is the Holy One of Israel.

Prayer of the Day
Sovereign God, ruler of all, you call us to obey you and favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the way of your Son, that leaving behind all that hinders us, we may fix our eyes on him and steadfastly follow in the path of your reign. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn “We Sing the Mighty Power of God”

We sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

We sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes, if we survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, we confess that we seek to fill our lives with comfort and convenience, distractions that consume our energy and time. We chase after wealth and power as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls. But you beckon us toward new life, a life made rich through Sabbath and service. Free us from the yokes that bind us and draw us near to you, so that we may learn to walk with Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 1:1-31 Krysia Bereday Burnham

New Testament John 1:1-18

Sermon “The Everlasting Light” Dr. Anderson

Offertory “Help Us Accept Each Other” John Ness Beck

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication
Faithful God, we worship you with grateful hearts, for you have brought us from death to life! Help us to share your kindness every day. By your Spirit, may our church's ministries bring hope and new life to our neighbors. We dedicate these offerings in Jesus' name. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues.) ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Prayer continues.) ... Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Sharing of the Elements and Prayer After Communion

Hymn 440 "Let There Be Light"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" J. E. Rankin

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Church Calendar

This afternoon from 4:30 – 5:30 pm **Community Open House**
Union Chapel and the Parsonage

Wednesday, July 5 (each week through August 23)

8:00 – 9:00 am **Bible Study** Union Chapel and online
Everyone is invited to join us to discuss the beautiful book *Beholding
and Becoming: The Art of Everyday Worship* by Ruth Chou Simons.

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*"Whoever you are and wherever you are on
your faith journey, you are welcome here."*



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