

Order of Worship
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 16, 2023

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

Prelude “O God, Your Constant Care and Love” Twila Paris

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Anderson

Call to Worship

We are here to worship the living God.

God created us and welcomes us with a parent’s embrace.

We are here to worship almighty God.

God knows our hearts and still loves us completely.

We are here to worship the eternal God.

God seeks us where we are and guides us like a shepherd.

Opening Prayer

Sovereign God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong or noble: fill us with your grace, so that, with you to guide, we may use the good things of this present life in such a way that we do not neglect things of eternal worth. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 92 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, your knowledge is too wonderful for us. You know when we cultivate kindness and our lives bear fruit that blesses the world. You know when our words sow seeds of discord and our actions stifle grace. When we produce more weeds than wheat, forgive us. As we wait with eager longing for your reign to be revealed, plant in our hearts

your mercy, so that we might live as children of your kingdom and bear fruit that enriches your harvest. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Old Testament Genesis 12:1 - 9

New Testament Luke 12:13 - 21

Sermon “Living Lightly on the Land” Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Gathering the Collection

Offertory “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” John B. Dykes

Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

O God of our salvation, your Word brings joy to our hearts. We find contentment in your presence as we pray and worship you. Enable us to focus on your Holy Spirit who brings life and peace. Inspire our congregation to reach out in creative ways to draw our neighbors into a closer relationship with you. Receive our gifts and offerings for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn (see the insert) “Touch the Earth Lightly”

Benediction

Postlude "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" J.S. Bach

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Church Calendar

Tuesday, July 18 Meeting of the Board of Trustees

9:30 am Union Chapel and online

Wednesday, July 19 Bible Study

8:00 – 9:00 am (each week through August 23)
Everyone is invited to join us to discuss the beautiful book *Beholding and Becoming: The Art of Everyday Worship* by Ruth Chou Simons. We meet at Union Chapel and online.

Sunday, July 23 Beach Church

8:00 – 8:30 am Invite a friend or guest to enjoy this casual experience of worship at Dock Beach.

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