Order of Worship Eighth Sunday After Pentecost July 23, 2023

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

Prelude	"To Walk in Faith"	David Paxton
Welcome a	Dr. Anderson	
Call to Worship Lord, you showed favor to your land. You restored the fortunes of Israel. You forgave the iniquity of your people. You pardoned their sin. Great is your steadfast love, O Lord! We worship you and praise your holy name.		Psalm 85

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Christ our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 62 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Old Testament		Isaiah 35:1-10			
New Testament		Matthew 6:25-34			
Sermon "B	lossoms in the	e Desert"	Dr. Rosanna Anderson		
Gathering the Collection					
Offertory	"My Tribute"	"		Andre Crouch	
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

Gracious God, thank you for remaining with us and empowering us by your Spirit. Turn our hearts in compassion toward people who struggle in darkness and danger. Renew our commitment to serve you through our church's mission. Use our gifts to kindle the light of Christ in our community and the world. 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 384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Benediction

Postlude "Ode to Joy"

Church Calendar

Wednesday, July 26 Bible Study

8:00 – 9:00 am (each week through August 30) We will discuss chapters 6 and 7 of the book *Beholding and Becoming: The Art of Everyday Worship* by Ruth Chou Simons. Everyone is invited. We meet at Union Chapel and online.

Thursday, July 27 Vespers on the Beach, an ecumenical service of St. John's and Union Chapel

6:00 - 6:30 pm (each week through August 31) This quiet service of evening prayer takes place at a new site: the level concrete platform with benches and a picnic table on South Beach. It is west of the road from the Transfer Station.

Sunday, July 30 Beach Church 8:00 – 8:30 am

Worship 10:00 - 11:00 am Union Chapel and online

Memorial Service for Geoffrey Cullen 11:30 am Union Chapel and online

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