

# Order of Worship

## Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

July 30, 2023

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

**Prelude** "I'll Walk with God" David Paxton

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Anderson

### Call to Worship

A tiny seed that grows into a majestic tree with branches that offer shelter and shade:

**this is what the kingdom of God is like.**

Yeast, hidden within a bushel of flour, that transforms the dough in due time:

**this is what the kingdom of God is like.**

We gather to be with Jesus, our teacher and lord, seeking wisdom and understanding.

**By his Word and Spirit, Jesus gives us a foretaste of the kingdom of God.**

### Opening Prayer

Dear God, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

**Hymn 185** "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

### Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, your kingdom surprises us with grace upon grace. We confess that sometimes we cling to the values of this world, which elevate products over people, success

over service to others, and competition for resources rather than the common good. By your Spirit, reorder our priorities until they reflect your wellbeing for all. Open our hearts to new ways of living that embody your love for creation and contribute to a commonwealth marked by justice and joy. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

**Old Testament** 1 Kings 5:1-18

**New Testament** Luke 6:43-45

**Sermon** "Strong as a Cedar, Sweet as a Fig" Dr. Anderson

**Offertory** "Hallelujah"

**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

Majestic God, thank you for adopting us as brothers and sisters of Christ your Son. Open our eyes to see every human being as your beloved child. Send your Spirit to guide us to live as citizens of your heavenly kingdom. Let our church embody a generous way of giving to others in this world, which will one day be conformed to your reign. We ask this for the sake of Jesus, our risen Savior. Amen.

**Sharing Joys and Concerns and the Lord's Prayer**  
(*trespasses*)

**Hymn 89** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

### Benediction

**Postlude** "Simple Gifts" American Folk Song

## Church Calendar

**Sunday, July 30 Memorial Service for Geoffrey Cullen**  
11:30 am at Union Chapel and via live stream

**Tuesday, August 1 Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
Union Chapel and online

**Wednesday, August 2 Bible Study**  
8:00 – 9:00 am (each week through August 30)  
We will discuss chapters 8 and 9 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, August 3 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 service of evening prayer takes place at the level concrete platform with benches and a picnic table on South Beach. It is west of the road from the Transfer Station.

**Sunday, August 6 Beach Church 8:00 – 8:30 am**

**Worship 10:00 – 11:00 am** with the celebration of the Lord's Supper at Union Chapel and via live stream

**Save the Date: Friday, August 11 Pizza & Games Night**  
6:00 - 7:30 pm

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Becky Walters, Administrative Assistant  
Laura Chapman, Sexton

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



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