

# Worship on the Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 9, 2023

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

**Prelude** "Deep River" African-American Spiritual

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Rosanna Anderson

## Call to Worship

God's word is a lamp to our feet and a light that shines on our path.

**God brings good news of great joy to searching hearts.**

The Lord's teachings are our heritage, so that we may be nurtured in faith.

**We worship in God's presence and offer our thanks and praise!**

## Opening Prayer

Eternal God, thank you for planting in our hearts the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith, hope, and love. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

**Hymn 57** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

## Prayer of Confession\*

Gracious God, you sent your Son Jesus to live among us as a servant, that we might follow his example. Yet we are hesitant to humble ourselves as he did. We confess that sometimes we ignore opportunities to serve you by assisting one another. Free us by your Spirit to embrace our calling to do our part in fulfilling your good purposes in the world. We pray in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

**Old Testament** Psalm 8:1-9 Peter Burr

**New Testament** Matthew 11:16-19

**Sermon** "A Tale of Two Inscriptions" Dr. Clifford Anderson

## Gathering the Collection

**Offertory** "On Eagle's Wings" Michael Jonas

**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

**Generous God, you bring us spiritual renewal. Thank you for sending Jesus, who demonstrates what it means to be gentle and humble in heart. Fill us with your Spirit so that we are eager to help our neighbors. We dedicate our gifts through Christ our Lord. 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 102** "Now Thank We All Our God"

## Benediction

**Postlude** "Filled with Excitement" Ruben Ruiz Avila

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## Church Calendar

### Wednesday, July 12 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.

### Friday, July 14 Pizza & Games Night

6:00 – 8:00 pm Play board games with your friends in Fellowship Hall. We'll bring the pizza!

### Sunday, July 16 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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*“Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here.”*



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