

# Worship on the Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

## August 20, 2023

The Rev. Dr. William Storrar, Guest Preacher  
The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor  
Bella Harris, Pianist

**Prelude**      “Für Elise”      Ludwig van Beethoven

**Welcome and Announcements**      Dr. Anderson

**Call to Worship**      Psalm 67:1-4

O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face shine upon us,  
**that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!  
**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

### Opening Prayer

**God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. On this Lord’s Day grant that we, people you created by water and the Spirit, may join with all your works in praising you for your great glory. Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn 139**      “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you empowered the early disciples to speak your praise and expand the community of faith. We confess that sometimes we fail to listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as people made new in Christ. Have mercy on us. Transform our lives by the power of**

**your Spirit and fill us with a desire to be faithful people who do your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament**      Genesis 45:1-15

**New Testament**      Matthew 15:21-28

**Sermon**      “The Providence of God”      William Storrar, PhD.

### Gathering the Collection

**Special Music**      “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

**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

**God of blessing, your mercy knows no bounds! You have expanded your everlasting covenant with your people Israel to include people of every nation, to all whom you love. Send your Spirit to guide our church and bring everyone you call to rejoice in the midst of your congregation. We dedicate our gifts and offerings in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

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

**Hymn 127**      “Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

### Benediction

**Postlude**      “The Golden Hour”

## Church Calendar

**Wednesday, August 23** **Bible Study:** Chapters 14 and 15  
8:00 – 9:00 am Union Chapel and via live stream

**Thursday, August 24** **Vespers at South Beach**  
6:00 – 6:30 pm Pastor Rosanna leads this evening prayer service, a joint project with St. John's

**Sunday, August 27** **Worship Services**

**Beach Church** 8:00 – 8:30 am at Dock Beach

**Worship** 10:00 – 11:00 am Union Chapel and live stream

**Wednesday, August 30** **Bible Study:** Chapter 16, conclusion  
8:00 – 9:00 am Union Chapel and via live stream

**Thursday, August 31** **Vespers at South Beach**  
6:00 – 6:30 pm Pastor Rosanna leads this evening prayer service, a joint project with St. John's

**Sunday, September 3** **Worship Services**

**Beach Church** 8:00 – 8:30 am at Dock Beach

**Worship** 10:00 – 11:00 am Union Chapel and live stream

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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.”*



*Joseph Sold into Slavery, 14th century stained glass window at the Musée de Cluny, Paris (photograph by Dr. Storrar)*

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