

Worship on the Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
October 1, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor
Douglas Green, Guest Organist

Prelude "Aria" Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Call to Worship Psalm 78:1-4

Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to my word.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our ancestor have told us, we will not hide from our children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and power of the Lord, and the wonderful works God has done.

Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear us than we are to pray, and to give more than we desire. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us the good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 103 "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

Prayer of Confession

God of the covenant, you gave us the law to guide us in the way of righteousness. When we wandered, you called prophets to beckon us to faithfulness. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son to heal our brokenness and draw us close to you. But we bow before the false gods of this world. We forget to serve the least of these. We fill our days with self-serving agendas or trivial tasks and neglect to nurture our relationship with you. Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to set us on back your path. Sow within our hearts the seeds of mercy so that we may produce the fruit of your kingdom. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Stephen A. Cook

New Testament Philippians 2:1-13

Sermon "Divine Oracles and Sour Grapes" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Offertory "Sanctus" from the *Deutsche Messe* Franz Schubert

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, you hold each person's life as more precious than we can imagine. We dedicate our lives and our gifts to help share your good news with our neighbors. We pray through Christ your Son, who gave his life in love for the world. Amen.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(*Prayer continues.*) ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

(Prayer continues.) ... Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Sharing of the Elements and Prayer After Communion

Hymn 632 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude "Toccata" Flor Peeters

Church Calendar

Wednesday, October 4 10 a.m. **Autumn Bible Study**
"Approaches to Prayer" by Marjorie Thompson, Union Chapel + online

Saturday, October 7 9 a.m. – noon **Fall Fair** in our Courtyard
Could you bake something to contribute to our Bake Sale?

Sunday, October 8 10 a.m. Worship and **Special Coffee Hour**

Sunday, October 15 10 a.m. Guest Preacher **Dr. Clifford Anderson**

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