

Worship on the Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 10, 2023

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

Prelude "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" William Whiting

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Anderson

Call to Worship Psalm 149

Praise the LORD! Sing a new song of praise in the congregation.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in God.

Praise God's name with dancing, making melody with instruments.

For God loves his people and adorns the humble with victory.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love that all who hear it may turn to you, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you have wonderfully forgiven us and placed in our hearts the gift of hope for new life now and through all eternity. We confess that sometimes we find it hard to forgive others and follow you in your redeeming work. Send your Spirit to help us trust you as you lead us today into the future you have prepared for us. We ask this in the name of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 2:4-24

New Testament Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sermon "People of the Soil" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Gathering the Collection

Offertory "Hallelujah" Leonard Cohen

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

Holy God, we praise you for the life you give to each person you dearly love. Help us to turn aside from wasteful things, so that we may live according to your way. We dedicate these gifts and ourselves to your service. We pray through Christ, through whose self-giving love you have conquered death forever. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 405 “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

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Church Calendar

Sunday, September 17 10 am Worship in Union Chapel and
via live stream

Tuesday, September 19 9:30 am Meeting of the Board of
Trustees at Union Chapel and online

Wednesday, September 20 10 am new Bible Study on
*Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual
Tradition* by Marjorie Thompson (new revised edition)

Tell Your Neighbors! Pizza & Games Night on Friday, Sept. 29
6:00 – 7:30 pm RSVP to Pastor Rosanna by noon

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



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