

Worship on the Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 17, 2023

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

**Prelude** "Prelude in G Major" L. Mourian

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Anderson

**Call to Worship** Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless  
God's holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and remember all God's  
benefits.**

God forgives all your iniquity and heals all your diseases.

**God redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with  
steadfast love and mercy.**

God satisfies you with good as long as you live, so that your  
youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**Let us worship God.**

**Prayer of the Day**

We praise you, O God, for you are majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, and worthy of our highest praise.

You help us to trust you even when we face fear and  
tragedy. Empower us to follow you in your redeeming work.

We pray through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

**Hymn 139** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, when we confess our sin, you are quick to  
forgive us. Yet we are slow to offer forgiveness to others.

Softening our hearts by the transforming work of your Holy  
Spirit so that we will show forth your love through acts of  
kindness. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament** Exodus 15:1b - 11, 20 - 21

**New Testament** Romans 14:1 - 12

**Sermon** "Sing to the Lord!" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Offertory** "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

**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**

**Loving God, you graciously welcome all who seek you. Let  
the ministries of our church reach out to show and tell our  
neighbors of your goodness. Receive our gifts to support  
this church's mission in our wider community. 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 715** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

**Benediction** Dr. Anderson

**Postlude** *Orgelstuck* in C Major A. Kehr

### **Church Calendar**

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

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

Sunday, September 24 10 am Worship at Union Chapel and via live stream

Friday, September 29 5:30 – 6:30 pm Pizza & Games Night  
RSVP to Pastor Rosanna by noon

Friday, September 29 6:30 – 7:30 pm Media Lab for Good Basics of Podcasting led by Dr. Clifford Anderson

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



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