

Worship on the Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 15, 2023

Dr. Clifford Anderson, Guest Preacher  
Diane Dexter, Organist

**Prelude** “O God, Your Constant Care and Love” Twila Paris

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Anderson

**Call to Worship** Psalm 96

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God’s name!**

Bring an offering and come into the courts of the Lord.

**Worship the Lord in holy splendor; praise God, all the earth!**

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have made heaven and earth and all that is good; and in Jesus Christ you show us that the secret of joy is a heart set free from selfish desires. By your Spirit, help us to delight in simple things and to rejoice always in the richness of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

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

**Prayer of Confession** Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our offenses.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Wash our hearts and we shall be clean.

Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your Holy Spirit. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament** Isaiah 25:1-9

**New Testament** Philippians 4:1-9

**Sermon** “Prophets and Theologians” Dr. Clifford Anderson

**Offertory** “Help Us Accept Each Other” J. N. Beck

**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, we would be lost without you and your life-giving word. Thank you for befriending us in Christ, your Word made flesh. May your Spirit give us a loving, childlike heart to reflect your kindness to the people in our lives each day. Receive our offerings in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn 598** “O Word of God Incarnate”

**Benediction** Dr. Anderson

**Postlude** “God Be with You Til We Meet Again” W. G. Tomer

## Church Calendar

Wednesday, October 18 10 a.m. **Autumn Bible Study**  
Chapter 4 "Our Common Worship" Union Chapel and online

Thursday, October 19 noon – 1:30 p.m. **Senior Lunch** with  
a Musical Performance by Ellie Bloethe and Ms. Tempesta  
Please RSVP to Heather Burnham today.

Friday, October 20 5:30 – 6:30 **Pizza & Games Night**

6:30 – 7:30 **Workshop in the Media Lab for Good: Editing**  
Clifford Anderson will introduce time-based editing using  
DaVinci Resolve 18. You will learn to compose video clips on a  
timeline, create simple graphic effects, and adjust sound levels  
to produce high-quality videos.

Sunday, October 22 10 a.m. **Dr. Clifford Anderson,**  
Guest Preacher at Union Chapel and via live stream

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**The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor**  
Becky Walters, Administrative Assistant  
Laura Chapman, Sexton

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



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