

Worship on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2023

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

Prelude “Benediction at God's Acre” Gwyneth Walker

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Anderson

Call to Worship Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers,
but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his word they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

Prayer of the Day

Creator God, you have filled the world with beauty! Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works, that rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him by whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 110 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Prayer of Confession (adapted from John Calvin)

Our good God, we bow before your majesty, in recognition of our faults, praying that you may make us feel them so that we may be drawn to true repentance. Help us by your Spirit so that we may not seek anything except to serve and honor you and your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May you be pleased to bear with our weaknesses and pardon us for the vices which remain in our hearts, until you have completely purged us of them. May you continue your grace until you receive us to yourself and bring us fully into your heavenly realm. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Deuteronomy 34:1-12

New Testament 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sermon “In the Footsteps of John Knox” Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Affirmation of Faith *Genevan Confession of Faith, 1536*

First, we affirm that we desire to follow Scripture alone as rule of faith and religion, without mixing with it any other thing which might be devised by the opinion of men apart from the Word of God, and without wishing to accept for our spiritual government any other doctrine than what is conveyed to us by the same Word without addition or diminution, according to the command of our Lord. ...

We acknowledge that there is only one God, whom we are to worship and serve, and in whom we are to put all our confidence and hope; having this assurance, that in him alone is contained all wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. And since he is spirit, he is to be served in spirit and in truth.

Therefore we think it an abomination to put our confidence or hope in any created thing, to worship anything else than him, whether angels or any other creatures, and to recognize any other Savior of our souls than him alone, whether saints or men living upon earth; and likewise to offer the service, which ought to be rendered to him, in external ceremonies or worldly observances ... or to make an image to represent his divinity or any other image for adoration.

Offertory “Help Us Accept Each Other” John Ness Beck

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Dear God, we praise you! We live in gratitude for the reconciliation you have brought through Jesus Christ. We dedicate our gifts and offerings to the mission of this church in his name. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude "Hallelujah" Leonard Cohen

Church Calendar

Today at 12:30 p.m. **Lighthouse Works Luncheon and Reading with Visiting Writer Valerie Hsiung** at Union Chapel

Wednesday, November 1 10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** on Chapter 7 "Confession and Awareness" at Union Chapel and online

Sunday, November 5 10:00 a.m. **Worship on All Saints' Sunday** with the Celebration of the Lord's Supper by the Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson in Union Chapel and via live stream

Wednesday, November 8 10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** on Chapter 8 "Companions on the Journey" at Union Chapel and online

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