

**Worship on the Twenty-Fourth  
Sunday After Pentecost  
November 12, 2023**

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

**Prelude**      “To a Wild Rose”      Edward MacDowell

**Welcome and Announcements**      Dr. Anderson

**Call to Worship**      Psalm 78:5-7

The Lord our God established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel,

**which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;**

that the next generation might know God’s Word, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,  
**so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of the Lord, but keep his commandments.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**God of pilgrims, strengthen our faith, we pray. Guide us through all the uncertainties of our life’s journey. Hold before us the vision of your eternal kingdom, made known to us in Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

**Hymn 213**      “Lift Up Your Heads”

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, your Son Jesus urges us to watch with expectant hope as we wait for you to reveal yourself in our lives. We confess that sometimes we grow tired of looking for signs of your presence among us. We become weary from distressing news. Forgive us for being careless with**

**the tasks that would prepare us to encounter you. Send your Spirit to sustain our faith and keep us ever watchful so that we may be ready to greet our Lord Jesus Christ when he returns in glory. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament**      Psalm 70:1-5

**New Testament**      Matthew 25:1-13

**Sermon** “Are You Ready?”      Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Affirmation of Faith**      *Second Helvetic Confession, 5.077*

**We teach and believe that Jesus Christ our Lord is the unique and eternal Savior of the human race, and thus of the whole world, in whom by faith are saved all who before the law, under the law, and under the Gospel were saved, and however many will be saved at the end of the world.**

**Offertory** “Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”      Robert A. Schumann

**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**

**O Lord our God, thank you for the freedom to worship you. May our church contribute to an unending flow of justice for those in need. Let our lives and gifts be pleasing in your sight. We pray through Christ your Son. Amen.**

**Sharing Joys and Concerns**

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

**Hymn 670** “Go Forth for God”

**Benediction** Dr. Anderson

**Postlude** “St. Anthony’s Chorale” Franz Joseph Haydn

### Church Calendar

Tuesday, November 14 9:30 a.m. Meeting of the Board of Trustees at Union Chapel and online

Wednesday, November 15 10:00 a.m. **Bible Study** on Chapter 9 “The Spirit of Hospitality at Union Chapel and online

Thursday, November 16 noon **Senior Lunch** with a Talk by Pierce Rafferty, Director of the Henry L. Ferguson Museum

Sundays, November 19 and 26 10:00 a.m. **Worship** with Guest Preacher at Union Chapel and via live stream

Wednesday, November 29 10 a.m. **Bible Study** on Chapter 10 “Putting It All Together” at Union Chapel and online

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



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