

Worship on Ascension Sunday  
May 12, 2024

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

**Prelude** "The Gift of Love" Hal H. Hopson

**Welcome and Announcements** Dr. Anderson

**Litany for Ascension**

Arise, O Lord, in your strength.

**We praise you for your glory!**

You have promised to draw all people to yourself; let none of us be separated from you.

**You are the king of glory!**

You are true God, and you will be our judge, so lead us to contemplate your tender mercy.

**Praise be to God forever!**

**Prayer of the Day**

**Eternal God, by raising Jesus from the dead you proclaimed his victory, and by his ascension you declared him Lord of all. Lift up our hearts to heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn 162** "Alleluia, Alleluia" (Give Thanks to the Risen Lord)

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that at times we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us up to be faithful people who obey the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body on earth. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Passage** Luke 24:44-53

**Second Passage** Acts 1:1-11

**Sermon** "The Cloud of Glory" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Affirmation of Faith**

Fishers Island Union Chapel Society By-Laws (revised 2002)

**We accept as our basic beliefs the central historic beliefs of the Christian faith: We believe in God who creates, sustains and redeems the world; and in Jesus Christ, God's Son, who for us and our salvation lived, died and was raised from the dead; and in the Holy Spirit who comforts, renews and strengthens the followers of Christ. Confessing our belief in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we unite for the purpose of walking in God's ways, living as God's obedient servants, working and praying for the growth of the church, and for serving all people as Christians.**

**Offertory** "Help Us Accept Each Other" John Ness 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**

**Dear God, thank you for your great generosity toward the whole world. You give us guidance and encouragement through your word. You did not hold back even your Son so that we would have eternal life! You make our joy complete. Let us find joy by giving with joy to the ministries of this church for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**Sharing Praises and Prayer Concerns**

**Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer** (*trespasses*)

**Hymn 182** "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

**Benediction** Dr. Rosanna Anderson  
**Postlude** "Andante" Jacques Offenbach

### Church Calendar

Tuesday, May 14 9:30 -10:30 a.m. online  
**Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Wednesday, May 15 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online  
**Book Group on Julian of Norwich Conclusion** (p. 97–112)

Thursday, May 16 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Moms' Group**  
noon – 12:30 p.m. **Senior Luncheon**  
RSVP to Heather Burnham at [hfburnham@gmail.com](mailto:hfburnham@gmail.com)

Friday, May 17 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. **Pizza and Games Night**  
RSVP to Pastor Rosanna [rosanna@fiunionchapel.org](mailto:rosanna@fiunionchapel.org)

Sunday, May 19 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary and online  
**Pentecost Sunday Worship Service**

### **Fishers Island Churches Golf Classic**

Wednesday, May 23 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Parlor and online  
**Bible Study Fellowship**

Thursday, May 23 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Moms' Group**

Saturday, May 24 8:00 a.m. Set Up in Courtyard, Fellowship Hall  
**Spring Fair** from 9:00 a.m. – noon

Sunday, May 25 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Worship Service**  
Noon **Memorial Day Parade**  
The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson will lead the prayers.

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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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