

Worship on the Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Prelude Air from *Orpheus* Christopher Willibald Gluck

Welcome Dr. Anderson

Call to Worship

Give ear to my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry.

In the day of trouble I call on you, for you will answer me.

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and glorify your name.

Opening Prayer

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls; to you we offer our lives, for you are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love and mercy. In heaven, on earth, there is none like you. Your works are beyond compare and you work wonders! You alone are God. Amen.

Hymn 185 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, we confess that at times we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Psalm 138 (pew Bible page 709)

New Testament Mark 3:20 – 35 (pew Bible NT page 45)

Sermon "Status Quo?" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Affirmation of Faith *Confession of 1967*, 9.07 adapted

Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the people of the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

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

Gracious God, accept these offerings as a sign of our thankfulness. Guide us by your Holy Spirit so that our lives may reflect your generosity and we may be a blessing to our neighbors. We ask this through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Sharing Praise and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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, the power, and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.

Hymn 384 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude *Finale* (from Symphony No. 1) Johannes Brahms

Announcements

Tuesday, June 11 **Meeting of the Board of Trustees**
Parlor and online from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 12 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
We will meet onsite and online to discuss "In Worship" and "In Transformation" in the booklet (pages 9-15).

Thursday, June 13 **Moms and Tots** 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
We welcome moms of all ages (with or without toddlers) to share in fellowship with us.

Sunday, June 16 **Worship Service** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Union Chapel and online

Wednesday, June 19 No Bible Study due to the holiday

Thursday, June 20 **Moms and Tots** 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Moms of all ages (with or without their children) are welcome to join us for coffee or tea and conversation.

Union Chapel (United Church of Christ)

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Becky Walters, Administrative Assistant

Laura Chapman, Sexton

Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

"Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here."



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