

## Worship on the Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Prelude** "Offertory" John Ness Beck

**Welcome** Dr. Anderson

### Call to Worship

Jesus says, "Come to me, all who are weary and carrying a heavy burden and I will give you rest."

**We draw near to the Lord, who is gentle and humble in heart.**

Jesus invites us to walk next to him, for his yoke is easy and his burden is light.

**As we worship, God restores our soul.**

### Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do for him. Give us the will to follow Christ and serve others, remembering that he even gave up his life and died for us, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

Hymn 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess that sometimes we seek to fill our lives with comfort and convenience, distractions that consume our energy and time. We chase after things as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls. But you beckon us toward new life, a life made rich through Sabbath and service. By your Spirit, free us from the yokes that bind us and draw us near to you, so that we may learn to walk with Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament** Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (pew Bible page 528)

**New Testament** Mark 4:35-41 (pew Bible NT page 36)

**Sermon** "Jesus in the Storm" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Affirmation of Faith** adapted from the Confession of 1967 (9.07)

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

**Generous God, you are the source of abundant life. Thank you for providing us with gifts to share with others. Use our efforts to bring vitality to the ministries of this church, so that people in our wider community will be blessed. We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 398 "Jesus Call us O'er the Tumult"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude "Panis Angelicus" César Franck

### Announcements

Wednesday, June 26 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
We will conclude our study of Christian spiritual growth with the booklet *Experiencing the Depths of Christian Community*. We will discuss "In Believing the Best" and "In Solidarity" (p. 16 - 22).

Thursday, June 27 **Moms' Group** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
This is a fun time of refreshments and conversation.

Sunday, June 30 **Worship** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Union Chapel and online

Wednesday, July 3 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
We will begin our new study *The God We Can Know: Exploring the 'I AM' Sayings of Jesus* by Rob Fuquay.

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"The Storm on the Sea of Galilee," Rembrandt van Rijn, 1633

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