

## Worship on the Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

July 14, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Clifford Anderson, Guest Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor

Organist Diane Dawson Dexter

### Prelude

### Welcome

Dr. Rosanna Anderson

### Call to Worship

We are here to worship the living God.

**God created us and welcomes us with a parent's embrace.**

We are here to worship almighty God.

**God knows our hearts and still loves us completely.**

We are here to worship the eternal God.

**God seeks us where we are and guides us like a shepherd.**

### Opening Prayer

**Sovereign God, protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is strong or noble: fill us with your grace, so that, with you to guide, we may use the good things of this present life in such a way that we do not neglect the things of eternal worth. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

Hymn 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

### Prayer of Confession

**O Lord, your wisdom is too wonderful for us. You know when we cultivate kindness and our lives bear fruit that blesses the world. You also know when our words sow seeds of discord and our actions stifle grace. When we produce more weeds than wheat, forgive us. As we wait**

**for your reign to be revealed, plant in our hearts your mercy, so that we might live as children of your kingdom and bear fruit that enriches your harvest. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

### Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Psalm 24

New Testament Ephesians 1:3-14

Sermon "Choosing God" Dr. Clifford Anderson

### Offertory

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 God of our salvation, your Word brings joy to our hearts. We find contentment in your presence as we pray and worship you. Enable us to focus on your Spirit who brings life and peace. Inspire our congregation to reach out to draw our neighbors into a closer relationship with you. We present our gifts for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### Sharing Praise and Prayer Concerns

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

Hymn 110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

## Postlude

### Announcements

Wednesday, July 17      **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Join us in the Parlor or online to learn more about this saying of Jesus: “I Am the Light of the World” (Knowing God’s Guidance, pages 39 - 52). The Zoom link is on our website.

Thursday, July 18      **Moms and Tots** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Drop by and share in refreshments, play time, and conversation.

Friday, July 19      **Memorial Service** 1:45 p.m.  
We will give thanks to God for the life and faith of Maxine Arnold.

Saturday, July 20      **Graveside Service** 1:15 p.m.  
We will gather for the interment of the cremains of Lillie Ahman.

Sunday, July 21  
8:00 a.m.      **Beach Church** at Dock Beach  
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.      **Big Questions** Class at Union Chapel  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.      **Worship and Fellowship** here and online  
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Tuesday, July 23      **Media Lab for Good** 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Ms. Jess Hall will teach free lessons on how to make a podcast.

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



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