

**Worship on the Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
August 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

Dr. Anderson

**Call to Worship**

(based on Psalm 34)

Praise the Lord continually.

**Let everyone praise God.**

Our souls magnify the Lord's goodness.

**With one voice, we exalt the Lord.**

God has delivered us and given us salvation.

**We praise God, the Lord of life.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Almighty God, you alone can order unruly wills and affections. Help us to love what you command, and desire what you promise, so that in the midst of this changing world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.**

**Hymn 73** "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above"

**Prayer of Confession**

**Compassionate God, you hear and respond to the cries of people who are in need. You call us to resist evil and hold fast to what is good, to take up the cross and commit our lives to the cause of love. We confess that we are afraid to confront powers that privilege some and diminish others. Forgive us, Lord. By your Spirit, open our ears to hear your voice, our eyes to see our neighbors in need, and our**

**hearts to respond with compassion, so that we may follow in the way of Christ your Son. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament** Psalm 111:1 – 10 (pew Bible page 531)

**New Testament** Ephesians 5:15 – 20 (pew Bible NT p. 183)

**Sermon** "Paul's Rx for Life" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Affirmation of Faith**

*A Brief Statement of Faith, 11.2*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**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**

**God, our King, you are the hope of the world! You bring peace and gladness even when we struggle. We dedicate our offerings to strengthen the church's witness in the world. May our wider community experience a taste of the**

goodness of your coming kingdom. Through these gifts,  
may your love be made known to those who struggle.  
Amen.

### Sharing Praises and Prayer Concerns

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

Hymn 463 "Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude

### Church Calendar

Sunday, August 18 8:00 a.m. **Beach Church** at Dock Beach  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Worship and Fellowship** here and online

Thursday, Aug. 22 **Moms and Tots** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Drop by and share in refreshments, play time, and conversation.

Saturday, Aug. 24 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. – noon  
Help the environment by purchasing gently used items that have  
already been shipped here.

Sunday, August 25 8:00 a.m. **Beach Church** at Dock Beach  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Worship and Fellowship** here 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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