

# Worship on the Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 2024

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

**Prelude** "Abide with Me" Eric Lewis

**Welcome** Dr. Anderson

**Call to Worship** Psalm 19:7 – 10, 14

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.

**The decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple.**

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart.

**The commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.

**The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold.

**They are sweeter than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

**May the words we say and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD, our strength and our redeemer.**

**Hymn 101** "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

**Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, you have brought us from death to life.**

**Thank you for giving your beloved Son Jesus for our salvation. We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength, and we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to make amends, and direct who we shall become through the power of your abiding Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus, our risen Savior. Amen.**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament** Isaiah 50:4-9a

**New Testament** James 3:1-12

**Sermon** "The Power of Words"

**Offertory** "He Is Lord" Tom Fettke

**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, our creator, you love each person whom you have made in your image. Thank you for providing for our needs so that we can be generous. We feel joy when we share with others. Direct our thoughts and actions as we seek to work together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We dedicate our gifts in the excellent name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Sharing Praises and Prayer Concerns**

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

**Hymn 601** "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

**Benediction** Dr. Anderson

**Postlude** "Consolation" Felix Mendelssohn

\*Offertory Prayer was written by Rosanna Anderson for Discipleship Ministries, The United Methodist Church.

## Church Calendar

Sunday, September 15                      **Worship** 10:00–11:00 a.m.  
**Congregational Meeting** Immediately after worship, there will be a brief meeting of the congregation to vote on the resolution of the Board of Trustees to add a clause to the by-laws to stay in compliance with a new IRS requirement for churches and other nonprofit organizations. No other business will be conducted at this meeting. **Fellowship** Coffee Hour will be hosted by ....

Wednesday, September 18                      **Bible Study** 9:00–10:00 a.m.  
All are invited to join us as we study *How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People* by Pete Greig. We will discuss Chapter 2 “Pause” in the Parlor and online.

Thursday, September 19                      **Tots Time** 10:00–11:00 a.m.  
Toddlers with their parents, grandparents, or babysitters are welcome to share in play time, refreshments and conversation.

Saturday, September 21                      **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m.–noon  
Help the environment by purchasing donated new or gently used items that have already been shipped here.

Saturday, Sept. 21                      **Board Game Café** 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
This is fun for the whole family, with pizza and conversations as we learn a new game. Invite your friends! RSVP to the church office at 788-7898 by noon on Friday, September 20.

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



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