

Worship on the Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 22, 2024

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor
Guest Organist Douglas Green

Prelude "Sonatina in D" Christian Ritter

Welcome Dr. Anderson

Call to Worship Psalm 54:4, 6-7

Surely, God is my helper.

The Lord is the upholder of my life.

With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you, O God.

I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

For you have delivered me from every trouble.

Let us worship God.

Hymn 559 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Prayer of Confession *

Dear God, you are the source of our life. We try to live the best ways we can— dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, good will, and optimism as we can muster. But we confess that we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives, we just try to move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that empowered by your Spirit we may live lives of goodness and peace. We pray through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Jeremiah 11:18-20

New Testament Mark 9:30-37

Sermon "Who's on First?" Dr. Anderson

Hymn 126 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Call to Generous Giving

Offertory "Canon (Sarabande)" Louis Couperin

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication +

God, our Redeemer, you give new life through your word and Spirit. We are grateful that you continually teach us the best way to live. Order our heart's desires according to your will. May our gifts uphold our church's ministries that help people to know and follow Christ, your Son. Amen.

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

Hymn 90 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude "Allegro" G. F. Handel

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+ Offertory Prayer written by Dr. Rosanna Anderson, available on the UMC Discipleship Ministries website, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/offertory-prayers-and-invitation-for-september-2015>.

Church Calendar

Sunday, September 22 **Worship** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
 Fellowship 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Intuitive Collage Workshop led by Amy Harris 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Intuitive collage provides a symbolic release of emotion and can express various parts of your personality in visual form. This can help you to understand and accept your “inner landscape” and can be more powerful than verbal expression. (Some materials will be provided, but feel free to bring scissors, glue stick, cardstock, etc.) “Intuition is seeing with the soul.” - Dean Koontz

Wednesday, September 25 **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 4, “Adoration: How to Worship God.” It is a hybrid group meeting onsite in the Parlor and online via Zoom. The link is on our website <https://fiunionchapel.org/event/how-to-pray-3/> .

Thursday, September 26 **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.

Save the Date! **Fall Fair** Saturday, October 12, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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



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