## Worship on the Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost October 13, 2024

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

Prelude	"Ave Maria"	Charles Gounod
Welcome		

#### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 34:1-3, 12-14

I will praise the Lord at all times; his praise is always on my lips. My whole being praises the Lord; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

Tell the greatness of the Lord with me; let us exalt God's name together!

#### Who desires life and many days to enjoy good?

Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit. **Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.** 

**Hymn 139** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Almighty God, through the witness of Christ, you show us the kind of leaders you desire: people of integrity and obedience whose lives show forth patience and peace. We confess that too often we are not obedient to you; we are impatient with others and do not conduct ourselves in ways that bring peace to those around us. By your Spirit, fill our hearts with the willingness to be guided by your wisdom. Help us each day to follow your Son, our risen Savior. We ask this in his name. Amen.

#### Assurance of Forgiveness

#### Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament	Job 1:1, 2:1-10		
New Testament	Matthew 12:33-37		
Sermon	"Careless Whispers"		
Hymn 378	"Amazing Grace"		
Invitation to Generous Giving			
Offertory	"Here I Am, Lord"	Dan Schutte	

#### Doxology

### Prayer of Dedication +

Gracious God, thank you for providing the gifts of your Spirit. Today we celebrate the ministry of the laity who serve you with faithful hearts and hands ready to reach out in your name. May each of us joyfully give of our time, talents and treasure from the abundance you provide. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, and who gave his life for the salvation of the world. Amen.

#### **Sharing Thanks and Prayer Concerns**

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

Hymn 399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be"

#### Benediction

Postlude	"God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again"
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+ Liturgical Resource Used with Permission: Prayer of Dedication written by Dr. Rosanna Anderson, published by The United Methodist Church <u>https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/offertory-prayers-and-invitation-for-october-2015</u>

#### **Announcements**

Sunday, October 13 **Worship** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Fellowship** 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Thank you to everyone who worked together to make our annual Fall Fair on Saturday a fun event for our community and a successful fundraiser for the church!

Wednesday, October 16 **Bible Study** 9:00–10:00 a.m. All are invited to join our hybrid discussion of Chapter 7, "Unanswered Prayer: How to Deal with Disappointment," in *How to Pray: A Simple Guide for Normal People* by Pete Greig.

Thursday, October 17 **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.

Thursday, October 17 **Senior Luncheon** noon -1:30We are grateful in advance to Heather Burnham and her dedicated crew of volunteers who provide this wonderful opportunity for those aged 60+ to enjoy a delicious lunch, prepared by Karla Heath this week, and table fellowship.

Saturday, October 19 **Board Game Café** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. This Saturday evening, join us for free dinner and a wide variety of board games for the whole family! RSVP to the church office at 788-7898 by noon on Friday, October 18.

Sunday, October 20 **Organizational Gathering** 9:00-9:45 All parents and grandparents, along with children and youth, are invited to a Sunday School Organizational Gathering for families. **Worship** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Fellowship** 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Union Chapel (United Church of Christ) The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Designated Term Pastor Becky Walters, Administrative Assistant Laura Chapman, Sexton Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

# *"Whoever you are and wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here."*



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