

Worship on the Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany  
February 2, 2025

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

**Prelude** "All My Trials, Lord" Bahamian Spiritual

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship \***

In worship today, we offer our lives to you, O Lord.

**Our God, we trust in you.**

Make your ways known to us, O Lord.

**Teach us your paths and lead us in your truth.**

You are the God who saves.

**We put our hope in you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Hymn 89** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**Prayer of Confession +**

Dear God, you are the Lord of covenant and goodness. Those who worship you and fear you choose the paths you choose for them. We confess the times when we have not followed your way. We ask you to pardon and correct our sin. You, O Lord, will be our friend; from the snare you will deliver. In your faithfulness we hope; on your people, Lord, have mercy.

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament** Jeremiah 1:4-10

**New Testament** Luke 4:14-30

**Sermon** "The Words We Bring with Us" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

**Offertory** "Close to Thee" by Silas J. Vail

**Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication**

O Lord our Savior, thank you for your constant care. We are grateful that you have claimed each of us as part of your people. Thank you for drawing us to this congregation where we share in worship and study, friendship and service with others who love you. Let our lives be useful for your good purposes. We give our gifts as a sign of the joy you give us, to share with the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Hymn 560** "Help Us Accept Each Other"

**Invitation to the Lord's Supper**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*(Prayer continues.)* ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*(Prayer continues.)* ... Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*(Prayer continues.)* ... **Our Father who art in heaven...**

**Sharing of the Elements and Prayer After Communion**

**Hymn 558** "We Are the Church"

## Benediction

**Postlude** Finale from Symphony No. 1 by Johannes Brahms

\* Adapted from Psalm 25 by Nathanael Rhoads

<https://naterhoads.wordpress.com/2016/08/10/call-to-worship-psalm-25/>

+ Adapted from English versification of Psalm 25 by Stanley Wiersma

[https://hymnary.org/text/lord\\_to\\_you\\_my\\_soul\\_is\\_lifted\\_let\\_me\\_nev](https://hymnary.org/text/lord_to_you_my_soul_is_lifted_let_me_nev)

## Church Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 2 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.  
**Annual Meeting** 11:00 a.m.

Members will hear reports from leaders of the church's ministries and vote on the 2025 Budget and the recommendation of the Church Council to call Pastor Rosanna as our settled Pastor.

Wednesday, Feb. 5 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Join our hybrid study of *Good Enough*, devotions 7 through 9.

Thursday, Feb. 6 **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Parents and toddlers gather to enjoy play time and conversation.

Sunday, Feb. 9 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.  
**Intuitive Collage** 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Amy Harris leads this refreshing time for creative expression.

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*“Whoever you are and  
wherever you are on your faith journey,*

*you are welcome here.”*



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