

Worship on the Second Sunday After the Epiphany
January 19, 2025

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 36:5-10

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,

your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;

your judgments are like the great deep ocean;

you save humans and animals alike, O LORD.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who know you

and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son is the light of the world. May all your people, whom you have illumined by your word, shine with the radiance of your glory. Bring soon the day when Jesus Christ is known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 140

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, thank you for claiming us as beloved children and calling us to follow you. We confess that we do not always live into our calling. Sometimes we look away from opportunities to offer kindness rather than showing love to our neighbors. We hold onto the gifts you give us rather than using them for your glory. We shy away from telling others your good news. Forgive us and transform us by your Spirit, so that our words and deeds will be pleasing in your sight. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offers us new life. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 62:1-5

New Testament John 2:1-11

Sermon

“Now Is the Time” Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Hymn 593

“Here I Am, Lord”

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

Faithful God, you powerfully bring your saving help to all who cry in pain. You have drawn us into this church to be nurtured and to work together to offer encouragement and help to others. We are grateful that you enrich us with gifts of your Spirit and tangible resources to use for your will in the world. We devote ourselves anew to your service through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, through whom we pray. Amen.

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

Hymn 580 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Benediction Dr. Anderson

Postlude

Church Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 19 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
Worship God with us in person or via live stream from our website.
Seed Workshop 11:00 a.m. – noon
Master Gardener Diana Fiske will lead this hands-on workshop

Wednesday, Jan. 22 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome to participate in person in the Parlor or via Zoom.
We are beginning a new study of *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection* by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie.

Saturday, Jan. 25 **Board Game Café** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
People of all ages are invited to join us for pizza and board games.

Sunday, Jan. 26 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
Worship God with us in person or via live stream from our website.
Intuitive Collage 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Join us as Amy Harris leads this time for creative expression.

Save the date: Feb. 2 **Annual Meeting of the Congregation**
At 11:00 a.m., members will hear reports and vote on the proposed 2025 budget and the recommendation of the church council to call Pastor Rosanna as our settled pastor, as described in the letter from Louise Burnham Packard, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

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



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