

Worship on the Third Sunday After the Epiphany
January 26, 2025

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

Prelude Prelude (Op.28, No. 20) by F. R. Chopin

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 19:7-10

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord our God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit to live into our calling, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 64 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you are holy! Thank you for inviting us into a relationship with you. We confess that we are sinners and sometimes we are afraid to trust you with our whole heart. Give us courage to respond to your call to discipleship, so that our lives will serve your purposes in the world. May we show your compassion and proclaim the good news of your

coming kingdom. We pray through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Nehemiah 8:1-10
New Testament First Corinthians 12:12-31

Sermon "Indispensable" Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Offertory Interlude in G Major by L. M. Mourian

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

Gracious God, when our hope falters, you lift us up to new heights by your Spirit. Help us to set our hearts on you, and to trust you, no matter what our circumstances. Use our gifts through our church's ministries to bring your uplifting hope to people near and far. We ask this through Christ our Lord, the great giver of hope. Amen.

Hymn 657 "This Is the Day"

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine

is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 548 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Benediction

Postlude No. 1 of Fifteen Two-Part Inventions by J.S. Bach

Church Calendar

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.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
We will meet in the Parlor and online to discuss devotions 4, 5 and 6 in *Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection*.

Thursday, Jan. 30 **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Parents and toddlers enjoy tea, conversation and play time.

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