

Worship on the Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany
February 16, 2025

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers.

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his Word they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season; their leaves do not wither. Their efforts prosper.

The wicked are not so but are like chaff the wind drives away.

Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you built your church on the foundation of the prophets and apostles with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone. Gather your church in unity by your Holy Spirit, to manifest your saving power among all peoples to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 711 "For All the Saints"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, so

that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Jeremiah 17:5-10

New Testament 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sermon "God's Miraculous Power" Dr. Anderson

Affirmation of Faith Adapted from The Confession of 1967, 9.15
God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

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

God, our teacher, you graciously provide direction by your Word and Spirit to guide us through this life. Thank you for the joy we feel when we do what is right and live according to your ways. By your Spirit, nurture our growth as individuals and as a congregation. Let our congregation readily share with our neighbors the love of your Son, our Savior. Use our gifts in his name. Amen.

Hymn 617 "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

The Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 162 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Postlude

Church Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 16 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
You are welcome to join us for worship onsite or via live stream.

Wednesday, Feb. 19 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Leslie Goss will lead the discussion via Zoom in our study of *Good Enough* devotions 15 through 19 while Pastor Rosanna is away.

Saturday, Feb. 22 **Jukebox Saturday** 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Mere Doyen will lead this opportunity to enjoy a long listen of a complete album and talk about it. Participants will choose the album from a curated selection. February's theme is Black History month.

Sunday, Feb. 24 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
We welcome back to the pulpit the Rev. Pamela Vollinger will return as our Guest Preacher. Please join us for worship onsite or via live stream.

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



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