

Worship on the Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Pastor

Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Isaiah 53:5-6)

He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold to live with you forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 57 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. We confess that we have followed the desires of our own hearts and neglected the needs of our neighbors. Forgive our hardness of heart and our selfish ways. Turn us to Christ and his righteous path. Guide our steps so that we may care for others through the mission and ministries of this congregation. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Psalm 23

New Testament Acts 9:36-43

Sermon "The Disciple Named Tabitha or Dorcas" Dr. Anderson

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offertory "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry" John Ylvisaker

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

Dear God, your son Jesus laid down his life for all who belong to you. Thank you for nurturing us and sustaining our faith. In gratitude, we want to help others to know your love. Open our ears to listen to your voice. Open our eyes to see our brothers and sisters in need as sheep of your flock. May our gifts show Christ's love for all people. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

Prayers of the Church and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 670 'Go Forth for God"

Benediction

Postlude Spiritual Medley

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 11 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
Join us to worship God in person or via live stream.

Tuesday, May 13 **Alcoholics Anonymous & Al-Anon** 7:00 p.m.
We sponsor this year-round group. In this season, meetings are held
via zoom. To connect with the facilitator, email info@finyaa.org.

Wednesday, May 14 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
We will resume our study of *Good Enough* by Kate Bowler and Jessica
Richie with a discussion of devotions 24 through 27.

Thursday, May 15 **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Friendship is the theme of this gathering for toddlers and caregivers.
Senior Luncheon 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Please RSVP to Heather Burnham at hfburnham@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 17 **Alcoholics Anonymous** via Zoom 5:00 p.m.
Jukebox Night 5:00 p.m.
May's theme is singer/songwriters – fire and rain? Who will win? Mere
Doyen will present selected albums. Participants will vote to decide
which one to listen to- the whole album.

Sunday, May 18 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome to join us to worship God in person and via live stream.

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



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