Order of Worship on June 22, 2025

Betty Edwards Johnson, Guest Preacher The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Pastor Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude "He Shall Feed His Flock" by G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Call to Worship based on Psalm 43 Send out your light and your truth, O God.

Let them guide us to your dwelling place. We gather here to sing your praises.

We worship you, our Lord and Savior.

Prayer of the Day (Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan, 1950)
O God, keep our whole country under your protection.
Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow,
O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep grief and
misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with your wisdom,
so that the poor may not be oppressed and the rich may not
be oppressors. Make this a nation having no ruler except God,
a nation having no authority but that of Love. Amen.

Hymn 408 "The Gift of Love"

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we cultivate kindness and our lives bear fruit that blesses the world. You also know when our words sow seeds of discord and our actions stifle grace. When we produce more weeds than wheat, forgive us. As we wait with eager longing for your reign to be revealed, send your Spirit to plant in our hearts your gift of mercy, so that we might live as children of your kingdom and bear fruit that enriches your harvest. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament 1 Kings 19:1-18

New Testament Galatians 3:23-29

Responsive Reading

Sermon "America the Beautiful: The Hymn, the Poet, and the Enduring Message" by Betty Edwards Johnson

Offertory "Here I Am, Lord" by Dan Schutte

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

God our helper, you are faithful. When we cry, you listen and answer. The light of your presence carries us out of sadness into joy. Through the resurrection of Christ, you turn our mourning into dancing! Thank you for the privilege of sharing in your healing of our broken world through the mission of this congregation. Use our gifts to draw people into closer relationship with you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sharing Thanks to God 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 696 "America the Beautiful" (final verse in bulletin insert)

Benediction Betty Edwards Johnson

Postlude "God Be with You 'til We Meet Again" by William C. Tomer

Church Calendar

Saturday, June 21 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon Thanks to our volunteer team who lead this community resource.

Service of Witness to the Resurrection 11:30 a.m.

Friends and community members are invited to worship God as we give thanks for the life and faith of Roberta Elwell.

Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon 5:00 p.m.

To connect with the facilitator, email info@finyaa.org.

Sunday, June 22 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m. Betty Edwards Johnson will be our Guest Preacher. Everyone is welcome to worship God in person or via live stream.

Monday, June 23 Church Office Closed / Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, June 24 **Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon** 6:15 p.m. To connect with the facilitator, email info@finyaa.org.

Wednesday, June 25 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the church Parlor and via Zoom to discuss chapter 4 of the book *Appreciate These Things* by Jill Duffield.

Thursday, June 26 **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Friendship is the theme of this gathering for toddlers and caregivers.

Saturday, June 28 Thrift Shop 10:00 a.m. - noon Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon 5:00 p.m.

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Sunday, June 29 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m. welcome to worship God in person or via live stream.



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