

Order of Worship for July 20, 2025

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks the truth from his heart.

He will receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

We worship you, O God.

Hymn 110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Prayer of Confession *

Holy God, you teach us the way that leads to life, but we confess that we do not fulfill your law. We are distracted by many things. We are quick to judge others, but reluctant to examine the ways we benefit from the injustice in our world. We are distracted by our fears of the loss of health, safety, and financial security. Instead of trusting in your abundance, we act from a mindset of scarcity. We are distracted by tasks and calendars that shape our priorities, leaving us with less time and energy for what is most important. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to sit at Jesus' feet, learning what it means to live by faith. Guide us by your Spirit to choose the better path as we seek to follow Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Amos 8:1-12

New Testament Colossians 1:15-28

Sermon

"A Famine of Words" Dr. Clifford Anderson

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Declaration of Faith*, 1985)

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation, to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with our family in Christ the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

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

O God of our salvation, your Word brings joy to our hearts. We find contentment in your presence as we pray and worship you. Enable us to focus on your Holy Spirit who brings life and peace. Inspire our congregation to reach out in creative ways to draw our neighbors into a closer relationship with you. Receive our gifts for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

Hymn 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Benediction

Postlude

* Prayer adapted from Stephanie Sorge's prayer <https://pres-outlook.org/2025/07/order-of-worship-july-20-2025/>

Church Calendar

Saturday, July 19 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon

Thanks to our volunteer team who lead this community resource.

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

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

Sunday, July 20 **Beach Church** 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

We will gather at Dock Beach to praise God in the midst of creation.

Worship and Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

Guest Preacher Dr. Clifford Anderson will preach the sermon today.

Everyone is welcome to worship God in person or via live stream.

Monday, July 21 **Church Office Closed / Pastor's Day Off**

Tuesday, July 22 **Alcoholics Anonymous/AI-Anon** 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, July 24 **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Friendship is the theme of this gathering for toddlers and caregivers.

Saturday, July 26 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon

Thanks to our volunteer team who lead this community resource.

Sunday, July 27 **Beach Church** 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

Worship God with us at Dock Beach in the midst of creation.

Worship and Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome to worship God in person or via live stream.

Board Game Night 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a free dinner and have fun playing a new board game.



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