# Fishers Island Union Chapel

# Order of Worship for August 10, 2025

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost | Year C

### Prelude:

### Welcome & Announcements

### Call to Worship—*Please join me in the Call to Worship…*

**One:** The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Many:** Out of the kindom, the perfection of beauty, the splendor of creation, the wonder of ages, God shines forth.

**One:** The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and calls to the heavens above and to the earth in order to judge the people.

**Many:** Out of justice and righteousness, God shines forth.

**One:** The mighty one, God the Holy One, speaks and receives our thanksgiving, honor, and praise.

**Many:** Out of our witness, worship, and testimony, God shines forth.

**\*Opening Hymn:**

### Prayer of Invocation—*Please join me in the Prayer of Invocation…*

Wonderful God, set your kindom before us anew.

Dwell with us as we bring our songs and prayers, our hopes and hesitations, our faith and our disbelief before you.

Demonstrate your kindom to us and through our time of gathering so that we may be firm and steadfast in love and action to make your way known.

Reveal the path you trail before us so that we may follow you clearly without distraction or detour.

May your Spirit enliven, challenge, and guide us in all things and for all days. Amen.

### Prayer for Transformation and New Life:

O God, our hands are full and stained with the fruit of devastation and despair. We lament a world filled with genocide and war even as we acknowledge our complicity and inaction with rampant evil in the world.

Too often, we benefit from our neighbor’s suffering and remain complacent and compliant when the cost of loving our neighbor seems to address illusions of safety and security.

Move us to action. Arm us with hearts bursting with love. Equip us as agents of the kindom’s peace.

Assure us that when we seek forgiveness through our actions as well as our words, your grace will meet us. Amen.

### \*Gloria Patri: ?????

### Blessing From the New London Association: Kurt Frantzen

### Prayer for Illumination: Kurt Frantzen

**Scripture OT:** Genesis 15:1-6

**Scripture NT:** Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

### Sermon: “*The Journey After the Storm*” Kurt Frantzen

### Words of Grace

Beloved, in Isaiah 50:23, the Voice declares, “Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way, I will show the salvation of God.” Though the cost of discipleship may be exacting and sacrificial, the grace of God strengthens, sustains, and encourages. Receive the power of the Sovereign One to act according to God’s will and to advance the kindom on earth, in community, and in life.

### Invitation to Generosity

We honor Creator by offering our gifts of service, action, compassion, financial and material resources, and energy to the continuing ministry of the Body of Christ. Let us give with divinely-inspired and empowered generosity trusting God to provide for all needs, individually and collectively.

### Offertory:

**\*Doxology:** ???

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Generous God, as we bring our gifts, we ask for you to receive them and endow us with wisdom and discernment to be good stewards of your abundant blessings. Amen.

### Joys and Concerns & Prayers of the People

Allow me to preface this time of prayer to indicate that The Lord’s Prayer for this morning’s service comes from the Prayer Book of The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia; the text of which is in your Bulletin.

As we enter this time of prayer let us bring our cares and concerns to God the Giver, remembering that God the Given has made a way for each of us to approach, and recognizing that God the Giving intercedes continuously on our behalf while strengthening and guiding us whether we walk through easy or difficult days.

### Pastoral Prayer—August 10, 2025

—INSERT PRAYER HERE—

### The Lord's Prayer—*Please join me in the Lord’s Prayer as written in the Bulletin…*

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.

(from A New Zealand Prayer Book, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

**\*Closing Hymn:**

### Benediction—*and now …*

Go, clothed for compassion

Attired with joy

Covered by peace

And dressed for action

Knowing that the God who knit you together

Goes with you

In strength, gentleness, and power

**Postlude:**

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