

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

from Psalm 71

In you, O Lord, we find refuge.

Let us never be put to shame.

In your mercy, deliver us.

For you are our strong fortress.

You are our hope and trust, ever since our youth.

Our praise is continually of you.

Opening Prayer

God of glory, on the first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On the first day of the week, you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death. Grant that we, as people you have made new by the water of baptism and the gift of your indwelling Spirit, may join our voices with all who praise you. We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 147 "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Prayer of Confession *

Gracious God, you are our creator, sustainer and redeemer. We confess that at times we feel as though we are alienated or even in a kind of exile; sometimes we wonder where you are. We fear your absence when, in fact, you are most present to us. By your Spirit, restore in us a sense of your comforting presence and your constant care. Renew our strength so that we might more fully live into our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 58:9b-14

New Testament Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

"Together, Not on Our Own" Dr. Anderson

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication ^

God of blessing, your mercy knows no bounds! You have expanded your everlasting covenant with your people Israel to include people of every nation, to all whom you love. We now delight in feasting as your sons and daughters with Christ. Send your Spirit to guide us to bring all you call to rejoice in the midst of your congregation. We dedicate our gifts in Jesus' name. 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 176 "Majesty"

Benediction

Postlude

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^ Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson for UMC Discipleship Ministries, August 2017.

Church Calendar

Saturday, August 23 **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, August 24 **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.

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

Monday, August 25 Church Office Closed / Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, August 26 **Alcoholics Anonymous/AI-Anon** 6:15 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Aug. 27 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Rosanna will present three books to vote on for our next study.

Thursday, August 28 **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Knitting Group 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

In collaboration with the FI Library, we are happy to host this group.

Saturday, August 30 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon

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



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