

(Prayer continues.) ... Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

Sharing the Elements and Prayer After Communion

Hymn 548 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

Benediction

Postlude "Study No. 1" by Stephen Heller

* Adapted from a prayer by Roger Gench for *Presbyterian Outlook*,
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Church Calendar

Saturday, August 2 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon

Thanks to our volunteer team who lead this community resource.

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

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

Sunday, August 3 **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.

Tuesday, August 5 **Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon** 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 6 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

We will resume our study of *Appreciate These Things* with Chapter 6.

Thursday, August 7 **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.



FISHERS ISLAND UNION CHAPEL

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Order of Worship for August 3, 2025

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Prelude "All My Trials" Bahamian Spiritual

Welcome

Call to Worship based on Psalm 107

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those whom God rescued.

They cried to God in their distress, and he delivered them.

Let us thank the Lord for his steadfast love.

God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Hymn 302 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Prayer of Confession *

Almighty God, in the resurrection of Christ you Son, you broke the power of sin and evil. We confess that we are like the man who lived near the tombs, hindered by anxiety and fear. We have failed to love you as we should. We have neglected to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, and by the power of your Holy Spirit release us from fear. By your Holy Spirit, empower us to see your divine image in one another, in ourselves, and in your good creation. Help us to live as your beloved children. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Ecclesiastes 2:9-22

New Testament Colossians 3:1-11

Sermon Dr. Rosanna Anderson

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

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Offertory "Here I Am, Lord" by Dan Schutte

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

We give Thee but Thine own, whate'er the gift may be.

All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(Prayer continues.) ... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**