

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

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Call to Worship from Psalm 81

Sing aloud to God our strength;
shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
Raise a song; sound the tambourine,
play the sweet lyre with the harp.
For the Lord is worthy to be praised;
we worship you, O Lord, with joyful hearts.

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, you alone can order unruly wills and affections.
Help us to love what you command, and desire what you
promise, so that in this changing world, our hearts may be
centered where true joy is found. We pray through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 145 "Morning Has Broken"

Prayer of Confession *

Holy God, you are the glorious Ruler of the universe. We
confess that we are sinful people. We compare ourselves with
others, wondering if we are better than them. We judge one
another, trying to justify ourselves. We seek to establish our
superiority and strive for places of honor. Forgive us, we pray.
Free us by the power of your Spirit, so that we may see our-
selves truthfully, love you with our whole heart, and love our
neighbors with a gracious spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Psalm 112
New Testament Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon "The Host Who Gives the Most"

Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2:5-11
Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of
death— even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Offertory "John 16:23" by Deborah Y. Chen

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication ^

Gracious God, you are the fountain of living water! You alone
relieve the thirst in our lives and bring the peace that passes
understanding. Soften our hearts and give us a humble spirit
in our daily work and relationships. Help us to show others
your generosity and kindness, simply because it is pleasing in
your sight. Let our gifts serve your purposes in the world,
bringing refreshment to those thirsting for peace and justice.
We ask this in the name of Jesus. 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 144

“This Is My Father's World”

Benediction

Postlude

“God Be with You ‘til We Meet Again”

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Church Calendar

Saturday, August 30 **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 31 **Beach Church** 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

We conclude our summer gatherings at Dock Beach for worship.

Worship and Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

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

Monday, Sept. 1 Labor Day Holiday / Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 2 **Alcoholics Anonymous/AI-Anon** 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 3 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

All are invited to join our hybrid study of *A Is for Alabaster* by Anna
Carter Florence (“A is for Abigail” through “E is for Esther,” p. 25).

Thursday, Sept. 4 **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, Sept. 6 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon

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



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