

Order of Worship for September 14, 2025

Prelude “*Ave Verum Corpus*” by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Luke 15:1-10)

Rejoice in the Lord who is always working for the good.

We who were lost have been found.

We are invited by God to follow Christ and begin anew.

Let’s celebrate the joy of heaven together.

Hymn 185 “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Prayer of Confession (*Scots Confession*, 3.02-3.03)

Holy Creator, we confess and acknowledge

that you created us in your own image and likeness,

so that in our whole nature

no imperfection could be found.

From this dignity and perfection

men and women have fallen,

conspiring against your sovereign majesty.

We have shown ourselves hostile to you,

and have made ourselves servants to sin.

And thus everlasting death

has power and dominion over us all,

unless we are reborn from above.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

work this rebirth in us,

creating in our hearts the confidence of chosen ones,

with assured faith in your promise

revealed to us in your Word;

by this faith we grasp Christ Jesus

with the graces and blessings promised in him. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Psalm 98:1-9

New Testament 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Sermon “The Folly of the Cross” Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Affirmation of Faith (from *The Confession of 1967*)

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all.

Jesus, a Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs,

temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in

word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and

women. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his

people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious

aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded

his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself

the judgment under which everyone stands convicted.

God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and

Lord. The victim of sin became victor and won the victory over sin

and death for all.

Offertory “He Is Lord” by Tom Fettke

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

O Lord, you alone bring deliverance. Your great faithfulness

extends to the heavens! Thank you for redeeming us with new

life. When we are afraid, your Spirit helps us to trust you. Give

us faith and diligence as we seek to do your will. Use our gifts

for the work of your kingdom, as we await the return of your

Son Jesus Christ in glory. We pray in his name. Amen.

Sharing Thanksgiving and Prayer Concerns

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

Hymn 92 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Benediction

Postlude "Amen"

Church Calendar

Saturday, Sept. 13 **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, Sept. 14 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.

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

Monday, Sept. 15 **Church Office Closed / Pastor's Day Off**

Tuesday, Sept. 16 **Alcoholics Anonymous/AI-Anon** 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 17 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Our hybrid group meets in the church Parlor and online. We will discuss *A Is for Alabaster* by Anna Carter Florence ("K is for King Solomon" through "O is for Olive Leaf," pages 45 – 63).

Tots Time 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Our new meeting day is Wednesday. Friendship is the theme of this gathering for toddlers and caregivers.

Saturday, Sept. 20 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon

We are grateful to our volunteers who lead this excellent community resource.

Sunday, Sept. 21 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.

Betty Edwards Johnson will be our Guest Preacher. She is a long-time Fishers Islander who worships with us, and she is a lay leader in her home church, Live Oak Unitarian Universalist Church in Cedar Park, Texas.



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