

# Order of Worship for September 21, 2025

Betty Edwards Johnson, Guest Preacher

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## Prelude

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

Let us draw near to God, who hears our pleas and our praise.

**God invites us to rest in God's holy presence.**

Here the Lord provides sweet manna to nourish our souls.

**We feast on God's sustaining Word.**

Remember the Lord's wonderful works each evening; see God's glory in the morning light.

**We worship the Lord!**

**Hymn 152** "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

### Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you are quick to give us grace when we have fallen short; you love us even when we turn away from you.**

**Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others? We confess that we keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts, rather than offering forgiveness that could free us and others. Forgive us and transform us by your Spirit. Pour out your mercy, until it flows forth from us in acts of kindness. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament**      Genesis 8:15-22

**New Testament**    Philippians 4:4-9

**Sermon**                "Finding Balance in Seasons of Change"  
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### **Affirmation of Faith**                      (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

### Offertory

### Doxology

### Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, thank you for your priceless gift of salvation. You bring joy to our hearts. Help us to respond to your grace by sharing our faith, talents, and monetary blessings through the ministries of this church. May your loving Spirit shine through all that we say and do. Accept these gifts that we offer in your precious name. Amen.**

### Sharing Thanksgiving 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 62** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (v. 1-5)

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

#### **Church Calendar**

Saturday, Sept. 20 **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](mailto:info@finyaa.org).

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

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

Monday, Sept. 22 **Church Office Closed / Pastor's Day Off**

Tuesday, Sept. 23 **Alcoholics Anonymous/AI-Anon** 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

? leader? We meet in the church Parlor and online an discuss.

**Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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

Saturday, Sept. 27 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon

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

Sunday, Sept. 28 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.

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



# **FISHERS ISLAND UNION CHAPEL**

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