## Order of Worship for September 7, 2025 The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson, Pastor Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Call to Worship

from Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

Blessed are those who do not take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers.

Their delight is in the law of the LORD.

They meditate on God's word day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

God cares for those who are righteous.

Hymn 378 "Amazing Grace"

**Prayer of Confession** 

based on Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly and cleanse us from our sin. Forgive us for our sins against you and our neighbors. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your Holy Spirit. We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

**Assurance of Forgiveness** 

**Prayer for Illumination** 

Old Testament Psalm 139:1-18

New Testament Philemon 1:1-25

**Sermon** "From Servant to Beloved Sibling"

Offertory

**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.

(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 143 "On Eagle's Wings"

**Benediction** 

**Postlude** 

## **Church Calendar**

Saturday, Sept. 6 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon Thanks to our volunteer team who lead this community resource.

**Service of Witness to the Resurrection** 11:00 a.m. We will give thanks to God for the life of Grace M. Burr Hawkins.

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

To connect with the facilitator, email <a href="mailto:info@finyaa.org">info@finyaa.org</a>.

Sunday, August 7 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m. We will sing hymns and pray together, and Pastor Rosanna will preach and lead the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Everyone is welcome to worship God in person or via live stream.

Tuesday, August 9 Alcoholics Anonymous/Al-Anon 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 10 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Our hybrid group will meet in the church Parlor and online to discuss the next five biblical reflections in *A Is for Alabaster* by Anna Carter Florence ("F is for Fish" through "J is for Joseph," pages 26 – 44).

Thursday, August 11 **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. 13 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon Check out the items that were recently donated. We are grateful to our volunteers who lead this excellent community resource.



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