Order of Worship for Sunday, October 26, 2025

Dr. Clifford Anderson, Guest Preacher Diane Dawson Dexter, Organist

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 46)
God is our refuge and strength.
God is a very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains crumble into the heart of the sea.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Prayer of the Day

Creator God, you have filled the world with beauty! Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works, so that rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him by whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn 110 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Prayer of Confession (adapted from John Calvin)

Our good God, we bow before your majesty, in recognition of our faults, praying that you may make us feel them so that we may be drawn to true repentance. Help us by your Spirit so that we may not seek anything except to serve and honor you and your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. May you be pleased to bear with our weaknesses and pardon us for the vices which remain in our hearts, until you have completely purged us of them. May you continue your grace until you receive us to yourself and bring us fully into your heavenly realm. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 4:2-26

New Testament 1 John 3:11-16

Sermon "The Mark of Cain" Dr. Clifford Anderson

Affirmation of Faith from *Genevan Confession of Faith*, 1536 First, we affirm that we desire to follow Scripture alone as rule of faith and religion, without mixing with it any other thing which might be devised by the opinion of people apart from the Word of God, and without wishing to accept for our spiritual government any other doctrine than what is conveyed to us by the same Word without addition or diminution, according to the command of our Lord. ...

We acknowledge that there is only one God, whom we are to worship and serve, and in whom we are to put all our confidence and hope; having this assurance, that in him alone is contained all wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy. And since God is spirit, he is to be served in spirit and in truth. Therefore we think it an abomination to put our confidence or hope in any created thing, to worship anything else than God, whether angels or any other creatures, and to recognize any other Savior of our souls than him alone, whether saints or men living upon earth; and likewise to offer the service, which ought to be rendered to him, in external ceremonies or worldly observances ... or to make an image to represent his divinity or any other image for adoration.

Offertory

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

Dear God, you have graciously reconciled us to yourself through your Son, Jesus Christ, and you provide for our needs. In gratitude for your goodness, we share our gifts for the mission and ministries of this church. Amen.

Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer (*trespasses*)

Hymn 157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

Saturday, Oct. 25 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 5:00 p.m. Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org. **Board Game Café** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Youth and adults gather for dinner and board games.

Sunday, Oct. 26 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join is to worship God in person or via live stream and stay for conversation and refreshments.

Monday, Oct. 27 Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off

Tuesday, Oct. 28 Alcoholics Anonymous 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 29 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Our hybrid group meets in the church Parlor to discuss "K is for King Herod" through "O is for Onesiphorus," pages 154 – 173. **Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Caregivers and toddlers join to talk, play and have snacks.

Saturday, Nov. 1 Alcoholics Anonymous 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 2 **Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m. Worship God with us and enjoy refreshments.

Blessed Bread Community Dinner 6 p.m.

RSVP to Lighthouse Works for this Fellows Dinner at Union Chapel with neighbors and artists, co-hosted with Apt. 2 Bread.



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