

Order of Worship for October 5, 2025

Prelude “*Ave Maria*” by Charles Gounod

Welcome

Call to Worship based on Psalm 26: 8, 12

O LORD, we love the house in which you dwell.

Thank you for gathering us to worship you in your sanctuary, a place where you reveal your glory.

In your presence, we stand securely on level ground.

With the congregation we praise you, O God!

Hymn 617 “I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord”

Prayer of Confession based on Romans 7:15-20

Holy God, you are supremely good and you teach us your good law, the best way to live. We confess that we do not understand our own actions. We do not do the good that we mean to do, but instead we do the very thing we hate. We want to do what is right, but we cannot do it. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Renew us completely by your Spirit. Help us to live each day trusting in your grace, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 1:1-2:3

New Testament John 1:1-5

Sermon “In the Beginning” Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Special Guitar Music

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication +

O Lord, our Savior, you are present by your Spirit to bring courage, comfort, and deliverance. On this weekend when churches around the world uphold a Children’s Sabbath, we are mindful of the children in our communities and among the nations who need advocates and tangible assistance. Open our eyes to see how our church may demonstrate your love and kindness to the weakest among us. We pray through Christ, your Son, who held children gently in his arms and blessed them. Amen.

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 of the Elements and Prayer After Communion

Hymn 601 “Thy Word Is a Lamp”

Benediction

Postlude “Air on the G String” by Johann Sebastian Bach

+ **Liturgical Resource Used with Permission:** Prayer of Dedication by
Dr. Rosanna Anderson, published by The United Methodist Church
<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/offertory-prayers-and-invitation-for-october-2015>

Church Calendar

Saturday, October 4 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 5:00 p.m.

To connect with the facilitator, contact info@finyaa.org

The Riverside Concert 7:00 p.m.

We are happy to host this community folk concert in partnership with our friends at island organizations who sponsored the band: Lighthouse Works, the Library, the Museum, the Community Center, IPP and the Oyster Farm. For those who can contribute a \$25 donation for a ticket, that fee will be directed to the Islanders for Islanders committee for their work in providing support to neighbors in need. Kids under 14 years old are invited to participate for free as well.

Sunday, October 5 **Worship & Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Anderson will preach and celebrate the Lord's Supper. You are welcome to join us in person or via live stream on our website. We will enjoy conversation and refreshments.

Monday, October 6 **Church Office Closed**

Tuesday, October 7 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:15 p.m.

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Wednesday, October 8 **Bible Study** 9:00–10:00 a.m.

All are welcome to join our hybrid discussion of "U is for Ur" through "Z is for Zelophehad's Daughters" (pages 86 – 107).

Tots Time 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Friendship is the theme for toddlers and parents, grandparents, or nannies to share in play time, snacks and encouragement.

Saturday, October 11 **Fall Fair** 10:00 a.m. – noon

Bring your family and friends to this fun event! Please drop off Bake Sale items from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Thank you very much!