

## Prelude

## Welcome

### Call to Worship

Psalm 119:105, 108, 111

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

**Accept our offerings of praise, O God, and teach us your ordinances.**

Your decrees are our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.

**We worship you, O Lord!**

### Hymn 378

“Amazing Grace”

### Prayer of Confession +

Gracious God, you created this world and called it good, and out of it called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with you and to bear witness to you. We confess our weakness. Turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Forgive us, we pray. By your Spirit, help us to follow the way of Jesus Christ, your Son, our risen Lord. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament**     Isaiah 55:10-13

**New Testament**     Matthew 13:1-9

## Sermon

**Affirmation of Faith** (from the Theological Declaration of Barmen)  
**The Christian Church is the congregation of [brothers and sisters] in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit.**

**As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world. So we reject the false doctrine, as**

**though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans. Amen.**

## Gathering the Collection

### Doxology

### Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, we praise you for life itself and the spiritual renewal that you freely give. Thank you for sending Jesus, who demonstrates what it means to be gentle and humble in heart. Gather our congregation in opportunities to respond to people’s needs with tangible assistance. Fill us with your Spirit so that we are eager to help others. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## Sharing Joys and Prayer Concerns

### Prayers 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 601

“Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet”

## Benediction

## Postlude

+ Prayer adapted from one by Aaron Shepherd for free distribution

**Church Calendar**

Sunday, July 12 **Beach Church** 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.  
Worship God with us at Dock Beach. Bring a beach chair.  
**Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.  
Everyone is welcome to worship in person or via live stream  
and enjoy refreshments at coffee hour.

Tuesday, July 14 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:00 p.m.  
Connect with the facilitator by emailing [info@finyaa.org](mailto:info@finyaa.org).

Wed., July 15 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
This week we will discuss chapter 7 in the church Parlor.  
**Tots Time** 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Toddlers and caregivers enjoy conversation and snacks.

Thursday, July 16 **Knitting Group** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Bring a creative project and work with others in the parlor.

Friday, July 17 **Church Office Closed/ Pastor's Day Off**

Saturday, July 18 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. - noon  
**Alcoholics Anonymous** 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 19 **Beach Church** 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.  
Bring a towel or beach chair for worship at Dock Beach.  
**Worship and Fellowship** 10:00 a.m.  
Dr. Clifford Anderson will be our Guest Preacher while Rosanna is on study leave at the European Association of Biblical Studies conference in Leuven, Belgium. All are invited to worship God in person or via live stream and enjoy refreshments at coffee hour.  
**Board Game Café** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
Youth and adults gather for free dinner and a variety of board games in Fellowship Hall.

*You are welcome here,  
no matter where you are  
on your journey of faith.*

**July 12, 2026**

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