

Prelude “Morning Has Broken”

Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 133:1-3
How good and pleasant it is when friends live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil of blessing on the head, running down over the collar of Aaron’s robes.
It is like the dew of Hermon falling on Mount Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing: life forevermore.

Hymn 314 “In the Garden”

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, you are holy and altogether good. We confess that we have sinned against you by what we have thought and said, and by what we have done and have failed to do. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us. By the power of your Holy Spirit may we delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 56:1-8

New Testament Matthew 15:10-20

Sermon Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Affirmation of Faith (from *The Confession of 1967*)
God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love. Amen.

Gathering the Collection “Bless Thou the Gifts”

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication
God of blessing, your mercy knows no bounds! You have expanded your everlasting covenant with your people Israel to include people of every nation, to all whom you love. Now we delight in feasting at your table as sons and daughters with Christ. Send your Spirit to guide us and bring all you call to rejoice in your congregation. We dedicate our gifts in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Sharing Thanks 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 368 “My Hope Is Built”

Benediction

Postlude “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 16 **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.

Everyone is welcome to worship God with us in person or via live stream and enjoy refreshments at coffee hour.

Board Game Café 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Have fun playing board games and eating dinner together.

Tuesday, Aug. 18 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:00 p.m.

Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org.

Wed., August 19 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

We will meet in the parlor to discuss chapter 11. Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83416044724> ID: 834 1604 4724

Tots Time 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Friendship is the theme of this playgroup for tots and caregivers.

Thursday, Aug. 20 **Knitting Group** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bring a creative project and work alongside others in the parlor.

Saturday, Aug. 22 **Thrift Shop** 10:00 a.m. – noon

Participate in the cyclical economy of the island.

Alcoholics Anonymous 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 23 **Beach Church** 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

We worship God in the midst of creation at Dock Beach.

Worship and Fellowship 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome to join us in person or via live stream and share in conversation at coffee hour.



FISHERS ISLAND UNION CHAPEL

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

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