Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Call to Worship Psalm 89:14-16
O Lord our God, your kingdom is built on what is right and fair.
Love and truth are in all you do.
Happy are the people who praise you.
Let them live in the light of your presence.
In your name they rejoice.
We praise you for your goodness, O God.

Hymn 139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Prayer of Confession
Merciful God, you are kind and good. We confess that we have sinned against you by what we have thought and said, by what we have done and by what we 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. Forgive us. Renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may delight in your will. We pray through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace of Christ

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 1:1-4, 11-20

New Testament Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (from the *Confession of 1967*)
Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Gathering the Collection

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication
Dear God, you call us to worship you in Spirit and truth. Help us to connect our faith with our daily actions. Thank you for the freedom to gather and worship you. Please protect our Christian brothers and sisters in every land. May our church contribute to an unending flow of justice for those in need. Use our gifts so that our lives will be pleasing in your sight. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sharing Joys 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 378 "Amazing Grace"

Benediction

Postlude

Church Calendar

Sunday, Nov. 8 **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, cookies and coffee.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 **Alcoholics Anonymous** 6:15 p.m.
Connect with the facilitator by emailing info@finyaa.org.

Wed., Nov. 11 **Bible Study** 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
We will meet in the church Parlor and via Zoom to discuss chapters 2 and 3 of *Unwavering Faithfulness: Pivotal Moments in the Book of Isaiah*. Meeting ID 834 1604 4724
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83416044724

Tots Time 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Caregivers and toddlers join to talk, play and have snacks.

Saturday, Nov. 14 **Bagel Making Workshop** 11:00 a.m.
Chef Eliza Schmidt will lead this class in our kitchen for those who registered. She will offer another opportunity this spring.

Alcoholics Anonymous 5:00 p.m.

Save the Date!
Film Screening Saturday, November 28 at 2:00 p.m.
Join us for another installment of the "Island Voices" documentary interviews: Ken Edwards Sr. and Ellen Parker. The creators of the documentaries, Maddie Lusker and Bella Harris, recent Fishers Island School students who graduated and are now in college, will be here to answer questions. Thanks to FI School teacher Jess Hall for her leadership. Check out our Media Lab for Good, and enjoy refreshments.

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

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