

**Salem United Church of Christ
Worship Order**

June 7, 2020 • The First Sunday after Pentecost • Trinity Sunday
—Communion Sunday—

PRELUDE Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby
Craig Wilderman

RINGING OF THE BELL Wilderman Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Ean Oliver

One: I... am Church; You... are Church;

Many: Side by side, WE are Christ's Church!

One: All over this earth, all of Jesus's followers:

Many: Hallelujah! We are the Church together!

One: We come together as Christ's Body,

Many: And we celebrate Christ's holy name!

One: As the Body of Christ is to us,

All: May we be the Body of Christ to the world. Amen.

OPENING HYMN *Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed* NCH 328

Verses 1, 2, 4

**Wonder of wonders, here revealed;
God's covenant with us is sealed.
And long before we know or pray,
God's love enfolds us every day.**

**Here in this sacrament we see
God's grace unbound, for all, for me!
May we respond with joyful praise
in loving service all our days.**

**Now we our vow of faith renew,
Stretch wide our sights to global view,
And claim with Christians far and near
a larger family held dear.**

God of Covenants, and God of Relationships, we come to you. We are together, and yet we are apart; we are parts and also a whole. Forgive us for sinning against one another and against you. Free us to be in covenant and relationship once again. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Ancient Words*

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart. (*Repeat*)**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:68-75

Ean Oliver

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed
them.
⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior[g] for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of
old,
⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the
hand of all who hate us.
⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors,
and has remembered his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our
enemies,
might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness
before him all our days.

NRSV

(Continued)

Luke 22:19-20

¹⁹ Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰ And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

NRSV

THE MESSAGE “Church Stuff: Covenant” Rev. Kirby

MUSICAL OFFERING Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard

DOXOLOGY NCH #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that Love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Kirby

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE Hear Our Prayer, O God NCH #769

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;
incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Kirby

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion
Musical Reflection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Be Still, My Soul

NCH 488

**Be still, my soul: for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best eternal friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: for God will undertake
to guide in future days as in the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
how Jesus' power ruled them long ago.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour will soon be here
when we shall be with God whom we adore,
with disappointment gone, no grief nor fear,
sorrow replaced with joy forever more.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kirby

Leader: May the Peace of God go with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

NCH 393

**Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
Yes, we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again!**

Postlude

Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard