

**Salem United Church of Christ**  
**Worship Order**

June 21, 2020 • Fathers' Day • The Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby  
Craig Wilderman

RINGING OF THE BELL Wilderman Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Deborah Barnard

One: Fathers come in all makes and models...

**Many: New and old, broken and whole.**

One: Some are good, while others struggle;

**Many: Help us to love them, just as they are.**

One: You, O God, are also our Father.

**Many: Strong and loving, timeless and perfect,**

**All: Let us worship your holy name!**

OPENING HYMN *God of Our Fathers* Based on HFG 687

**God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before your throne arise.**

**Your love divine has led us in the past,  
In this good life through you our lot is cast;  
Be our Redeemer, guardian, guide, and stay,  
Your word our hope, your paths our chosen way.**

**From violence, from deadly pestilence,  
Be our support, our ever sure defense;  
Christ's true Good News may in our hearts increase,  
Your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.**

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**Refresh your people on their toilsome way,  
Lead us from night to never ending day;  
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine!**

UNISON PRAYER

Deborah Barnard

**God of creation and God of relation, we come to you as your Body of Christ in the world. Although we are all so very different, although we are all so very imperfect, you call us into ministry to your people. Grant us courage to engage challenging relationships, and persistence to never stop trying. 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 *Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-15* Deborah Barnard

<sup>1</sup> I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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<sup>11</sup> The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup> We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ... NRSV

THE MESSAGE "Church Stuff: Ministry" 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**

**My God has promised good to me,  
whose word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

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

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