

**Salem United Church of Christ
Worship Order**

June 28, 2020 • The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Nocturnes by John Field
Chappell Kingsland, Piano

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby
Craig Wilderman

RINGING OF THE BELL Wilderman Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Deborah Barnard

One: The Church is not a building,

Many: The Church is not stained glass.

One: The church is Christ's believers,

Many: The church is US: people!

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 *The Church's One Foundation* NCH 386

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are Christ's new creation by water and the word;
From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

(CONTINUED)

**Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

UNISON PRAYER

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**God of creation and God of relation, we give you thanks for
Christ's Church. You called us into being through our
Redeemer, filled us with the Holy Spirit, and birthed us into
the world. Grant us courage to make a difference, even
when it's hard, and embolden us to love you, and to love
our neighbor—no matter who they may be. 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)**

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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Psalm 118:1-9, 28-29

One: ¹ O give thanks to the Lord, who is so is good;

Many: God's steadfast love endures forever!

One: ² Let Israel say,

Many: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

One: ³ Let the house of Aaron say,

Many: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

One: ⁴ Let those who fear the Lord say,

All: "God's steadfast love endures forever."

One: ⁵ Out of my distress I called on the Lord;

Many: the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.

One: ⁶ With the Lord on my side I do not fear.

Many: What can mortals do to me?

One: ⁷ The Lord is on my side to help me;

Many: I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

One: ⁸ It is better to take refuge in the Lord

Many: than to put confidence in mortals.

One: ⁹ It is better to take refuge in the Lord
Many: than to put confidence in princes.

One: ²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
Many: you are my God, I will extol you.

One: ²⁹ O give thanks to the Lord, who is so good,

All: for God's steadfast love endures forever. NRSV

Matthew 6:9-13

⁹ After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen. KJV

THE MESSAGE "Church Stuff: Liturgy and Prayer" Rev. Kirby

MUSICAL OFFERING *Andante Sostenuto* Charles-Marie Widor
Chappell Kingsland, Organ

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

CLOSING HYMN *All Things Bright and Beautiful* NCH 31

Refrain:

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.**

(Refrain)

**The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.**

(Refrain)

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one.**

(Refrain)

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful (Reprise)

Chappell Kingsland, Piano