

**Salem United Church of Christ
Worship Order**

September 6, 2020 • The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Music by Claude Debussy
 Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby
 Craig Wilderman

RINGING OF THE BELL Wilderman Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Dean

One: The heavens declare God's glory;
Many: The skies showcase God's handiwork.
One: The days overflow with God's wisdom;
Many: The nights teem with God's knowledge.
One: Their voices go out to all the earth;
Many: Their words go on forever.
One: Mighty are your works, O God;
All: **And mighty is our thankfulness!**

Psalm 19:1-4a, adapted

OPENING HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* NCH 25

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.**

UNISON PRAYER

Jim Dean

**From the snowy steeples of the Rockies to the rushing
streams brimming with life, you are God of all, and you are
God of us. Thank you for your works around us; Thank
you for your love within us. Open our eyes, open our hearts,
and open our souls. 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 READING *Romans 13:8-14*

Jim Dean

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

NRSV

THE MESSAGE "Love in the Time of COVID" Rev. Kirby

MUSICAL OFFERING *The Girl with the Golden Hair* Debussy
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 *Breathe On Me, Breath of God* NCH 292

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,
Until with you I will one will, to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one desire:
That every earthly part of me may glow with holy fire.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with you the perfect life of your eternity.**

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