

**Salem United Church of Christ
Worship Order**

September 13, 2020 • The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby
Craig Wilderman

RINGING OF THE BELL Wilderman Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen King

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

Many: Whom could we fear?

One: God is the stronghold of our lives;

Many: Why be afraid?

One: We only ask one thing:

Many: May we dwell in your house, O God?

One: You lift up our heads,

All: And we shout and sing to you, our Lord!

Adapted from Psalm 27

OPENING HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory* NCH 436

**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your
power;**

**crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious
flower.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**

**From the evils that surround us and assail the Savior's
ways,**

**from the fears that long have bound us—free our hearts for
faith and praise.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days, for the living of these days.**

**Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to
your control.**

**Shame our reckless, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor
in soul.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
make our broken spirits whole, make our broken spirits
whole.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be
armored with all Christ-like graces, in the fight to set us
free.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
in the quest for liberty, in the quest for liberty.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.**

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.**

UNISON PRAYER

Kathleen King

**Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great
in love and power. You have given us life, and new life in
Christ. Touch us with your healing fire. Speak to us
through your word. Call us into the world to love your
people, and do your holy will. 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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THE MESSAGE

“10,000 Reasons”

Rev. Kirby

- Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
- 3 who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- 4 who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- 5 who satisfies you with good as long as you live[a]
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- 6 The Lord works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- 8 The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- 9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- 10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- 12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- 13 As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.
- 14 For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
- 15 As for mortals, their days are like grass;
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

17 But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting

on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,

18 to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

19 The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

20 Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
obedient to his spoken word.

21 Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers that do his will.

22 Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

NRSV

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

CLOSING HYMN *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* NCH 403

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' love and
righteousness;
I dare not trust this earthly frame, but wholly lean on
Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is
sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When shadows veil my Savior's face, I rest upon
unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the
veil.**

(Refrain)

**Christ's oath and covenant and blood support me in the
rising flood;
When all around my soul gives way, Christ then is all my
hope and stay.**

(Refrain)

**When Christ shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then
in Love be found,
Dressed in God's righteousness alone, faultless to stand
before the throne.**

(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

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