# Salem United Church of Christ Worship Order

September 27, 2020 • The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Music by Beethoven Chappell Kingsland,

Keyboard

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby

Craig Wilderman

RINGING OF THE BELL Wilderman Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Krissy Berry

One: It is time. Let us worship the Lord our God! Many: We bow our hearts before our Creator.

One: You are our God—

Many: —and we are yours, the ones whom you lead and

nurture.

One: Let us come together to rejoice!

All: We praise you God, our rock and our salvation!

Based on Psalm 95, 1-2, 6-7

OPENING HYMN To You, O God, All Creatures Sing NCH 17

To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation, everything sings your praises, alleluia! Your burning sun with golden beam, your silver moon with softer gleam sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your wind that blows the tempest by, your clouds that sail across the sky sing your praises, alleluia!
Your morning rises with a song, and lights of evening sing along, sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your flowing waters, crystal clear, make melodies for you to hear, sing your praises, alleluia!
Your fi-re, bountiful and bright, remembering your warmth and light, sings your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

To you, O God, day after day, your planet earth in every way, sings your praises, alleluia, As sa-vory fruit and fragrant flower show forth your glory and your power, singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### UNISON PRAYER

Krissy Berry

Creator God, your love extends beyond the sky, beyond the horizon, and beyond our imaginations. We fall short of whom you are making us to be. We fail to love as you call us to love. We worry about what we want, more than what you want. Yet in light of our humanity, you still cover us with expansive grace. Thank you, O God. 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 Psalm 25:1-7, 16-22 Krissy Berry

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 2 O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.
- 3 Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

- 4 Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,

for they have been from of old.

- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!
- 16 Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
- 17 Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress.
- 18 Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
- 19 Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.
- 20 O guard my life, and deliver me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
- 21 May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.
- 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all its troubles.

NRSV

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

MUSICAL OFFERING Andante cantabile Chappell Kingsland, from Sonata Pathetique Keyboard Ludwig van Beethoven

#### 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

God Be with You

NCH 81

God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

### Refrain:

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; Wings of shelter safely hide you, Daily manna still provide you: God be with you till we meet again. (*Refrain*)

God be with you till we meet again; When life's perils thick confound you,

Put unfailing arms around you: God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

God be with you till we meet again; Keep love's banner floating o'er you,

Smite death's threatening wave before you: God be with you till we meet again.

(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kirby

Leader: May the Peace of God go with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

God Be With You

**NCH 81** 

God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you, With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you tell we meet again.

Postlude

Andante cantabile (Reprise)

Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard