

Salem United Church of Christ
Worship Order

November 8, 2020 • The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby

RINGING OF THE BELL Bell Video

CALL TO WORSHIP Kathleen King

One: What do we seek these days?

Many: The Peace of Christ.

One: Whom do we seek these days?

Many: The Prince of Peace.

All: Christ Jesus, we come seeking you this day.

One: Light of the world, as we worship in your name,

All: Shine us. Fill us with your peace. Amen!

OPENING HYMN *O for a World* NCH #575

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are
wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will
cease.

UNISON PRAYER

Kathleen King

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, help us sow love. Where there is injury, pardon. Where there is doubt, faith. Where there is despair, hope. Where there is darkness, light. And where there is sadness, joy. Amen.

Adapted from "The Prayer of St. Francis"

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Chris Johnson

“Stay the Course—Vision”

ScriptureReference

ScriptureVerse

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sweet Hour of Prayer, v. 1* NCH #505

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Maker’s throne
let all my needs and wants be known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter’s snare
by your return, sweet hour of prayer!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:1-9b

Kathleen King

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

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For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in
peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope
increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your
plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief
span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on
humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to
mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

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 till we meet again.**

Postlude

Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard