

Salem United Church of Christ
Worship Order

November 15, 2020 • The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby
Craig Wilderman

RINGING OF THE BELL Wilderman Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Krissy Berry

One: Listen, O God! Be gracious to us!

Many: O God, be our helper.

One: You turn our mourning into dancing;

Many: You remove our sackcloth and clothe us in joy!

One: Try as we might, we cannot be silent

Many: And we will praise you with our very souls!

One: Oh Lord, our God,

All: We give thanks to you forever!

Psalm 30:10-12, Adapted

OPENING HYMN *From All That Dwell below the Skies* NCH #27

From all that dwell below the skies

let the Creator's praise arise;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

Eternal are your mercies, God;
your truth stands ever high and broad:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia!

UNISON PRAYER

Krissy Berry

God our Healer, we come to you in our brokenness, and we come to you in our vulnerability. Grant us peace within the chaos, Holy One. Bind up our hurting hearts, and heal our wounded souls. Fill the empty loneliness within us. Return us one day soon to joy, that we may again serve you with our lives. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Chris Johnson

HYMN OF PREPARATION *For the Healing of the Nations* NCH #576

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.

¹² For thus says the Lord:
 Your hurt is incurable,
 your wound is grievous.
¹³ There is no one to uphold your cause,
 no medicine for your wound,
 no healing for you.
¹⁴ All your lovers have forgotten you;
 they care nothing for you;
 for I have dealt you the blow of an enemy,
 the punishment of a merciless foe,
 because your guilt is great,
 because your sins are so numerous.
¹⁵ Why do you cry out over your hurt?
 Your pain is incurable.
 Because your guilt is great,
 because your sins are so numerous,
 I have done these things to you.
¹⁶ Therefore all who devour you shall be devoured,
 and all your foes, every one of them, shall go into captivity;
 those who plunder you shall be plundered,
 and all who prey on you I will make a prey.
¹⁷ For I will restore health to you,
 and your wounds I will heal,
 says the Lord,
 because they have called you an outcast:
 “It is Zion; no one cares for her!”

NRSV

THE MESSAGE “Peace and Healing: Healing” Rev. Kirby

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
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 *This Is My Song* NCH #591

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;

But other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

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

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