

**Salem United Church of Christ
Worship Order**

November 22, 2020 • The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
—Thanksgiving Sunday—

PRELUDE Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby
Craig Wilderman

RINGING OF THE BELL Wilderman Family

CALL TO WORSHIP Heidi Wilderman

One: Let us bless our God always;

Many: God's praise is always in our mouths.

One: When we boast, it is in our God

Many: May the world hear and be glad.

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: And let us exalt God's holy name!

OPENING HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* NCH #12

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains
rise,**

**That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty
skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars
obey.**

**I sing the goodness of our God that filled the earth with
food;**

**God formed the creatures with a word, and then
pronounced them good.**

**Oh, how your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my
eye:**

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

--Continued--

On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glory known.

The clouds arise and spread their showers by order from your throne.

All life is but a gift from you and ever in your care;

Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there.

UNISON PRAYER

Heidi Wilderman

Hear, O God, our thanks and praise for all that you have done.

Thank you for the splendor of creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. Thank you also for the blessing of family and friends, and the loving care with which you surround us. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT:

Chris Johnson

“Stay the Course—Vision”

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Give Thanks*

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because he's given

Jesus Christ His Son. *(Repeat)*

And now, let the weak say I am strong,

Let the poor say I am rich,

Because of what the Lord has done for us *(Repeat)*

(Repeat Song)

Give thanks.

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SCRIPTURE READING *1 Thessalonians 5:13b-24* Heidi Wilderman

^{13b} Be at peace among yourselves. ¹⁴ And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. ¹⁵ See that none of you repays

evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²² abstain from every form of evil.

²³ May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. NRSV

THE MESSAGE

“One Tough Turkey”

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

Rev. Kirby

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* NCH #561

**When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!**

**How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!**

**So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in every tongue: Alleluia!**

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia!**

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