

Salem United Church of Christ
Worship Order

January 3, 2021 • The Second Sunday after Christmas

PRELUDE Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby
Craig Wilderman

RINGING OF THE BELL Chappell Kingsland

CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Dean

One: Christ the Savior is Born!

Many: It's a new day!

One: 2021 has arrived!

Many: It's a new day!

One: Life continues on!

Many: It's a new day!

One: God makes all things new!

All: Praise be to God!

OPENING HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* HFG #193

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;**

Refrain:

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;**

(Refrain)

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
O Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;**

(Refrain)

UNISON PRAYER

Jim Dean

O Holy One, you are our Creator God. You created before, and you create today; you re-created then, and you re-create today. Come to us this new year. Renew our spirits, renew our church, and renew our world. Through Jesus the Christ, Amen.

HYMN OF PREP. *Comfort, Comfort O My People*, v.1, 3 NCH #101

**“Comfort, comfort O my people,
tell of peace,” thus says our God;
Comfort those whose hearts are shrouded,
mourning under sorrow’s load.
Speak unto Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover,
and their warfare now is over.**

**Straight shall be what long was crooked,
and the rougher places plain!
Let your hearts be true and humble,
for Messiah’s holy reign.
For God’s glory evermore
shall be known o’er all the world;
And all flesh shall see the token
that God’s word is never broken.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-2, 16-19

Jim Dean

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

16 Thus says the Lord,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
17 who brings out chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
18 Do not remember the former things,
 or consider the things of old.
19 I am about to do a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.

NRSV

THE MESSAGE

“We DID It!”

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 *O Come, All Ye Faithful (Refrain)* HFG #193

**O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord**

HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Kirby

Prayer of Thanksgiving After Communion
Musical Reflection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World!

HFG #171

**Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! the Savior reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.**

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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