

**Salem United Church of Christ
Worship Order**

April 25, 2021 • The Fourth Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE Chappell Kingsland, Keyboard
Sandman's Aria; Evening Prayer from Hansel and Gretel
Engelbert Humperdinck

WELCOME Rev. Russ Kirby
Craig Wilderman

RINGING OF THE BELL VIDEO

CALL TO WORSHIP Ean Oliver

One: Christ is risen!
Many: Christ is risen indeed!
One: Your death was final,
Many: But was not the end.
One: Your resurrection paved the way—
Many: That our spirits may live again!
One: Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!

OPENING HYMN *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* NCH 459
**Come, O Fount if every blessing, tune my heart to sing your
grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of endless
praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues
above.
Praise the mount; I'm fixed up on it, mount of God's
unfailing love.**

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**Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having
come,
come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely
home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold
of God,
Came to rescue me from the danger, blessed body, precious
blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn a new!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, blind my wandering heart
to you.**

**Prong to wander, I can feel it, wander from the love I've
known;**

**Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very
own.**

UNISON PRAYER

Ean Oliver

**God of the big, God of the small, God of all of us, hear our
prayers. We come to you, and struggle to speak. We come
to you, and forget to listen. Open our ears, God. Open our
lips. Open our hearts. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION *Sanctuary* Thompson and Scruggs

Lord prepare me To be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving I'll be a living

Sanctuary For you. (*Repeat*)

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SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 6:10-18*

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¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his
power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may
be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For
our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but
against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic
powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces
of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the

whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.

(NRSV)

THE MESSAGE *“Say Yer Prayers: Praying 101”* Rev. Kirby

MUSICAL OFFERING *I Say a Little Prayer* Chappell Kingsland,
Hal David/ Burt Bacharach 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

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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 *O Savior, Let Me Walk with You* NCH 503

**O Savior, let me walk with you in earthly
paths of service true; Tell me your secret,
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear
winning word of love. Teach me the wayward
feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me your patience; let me be in closer,
dearer company, In work that keeps faith
sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**In hope that sends a shining ray far down the
future's broadening way, In peace that only
you can give, with you, O Savior, let me live.**

BENEDICTION

Rev. Kirby

Leader: May the Peace of God go with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!
Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!
Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!
Halleluja, hallelujah!

Postlude

I Say a Little Prayer (reprise)
David/Bacharach

Chappell Kingsland,
Keyboard