

Welcome to Worship!

January 3, 2021

Christmas 2B

COMMUNION SUNDAY

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude in G Major by Frederic Chopin

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP BASED ON WISDOM OF SOLOMON

Leader: A holy people and blameless race wisdom delivered from a nation of oppressors.

All: She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, and withstood dread kings with wonders and signs.

Leader: She gave to holy people the reward of their labors; she guided them along a marvelous way, and became a shelter to them by day, and a starry flame through the night.

All: She brought them over the Red Sea, and led them through deep waters;

Leader: but she drowned their enemies, and cast them up from the depth of the sea.

All: Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly; they sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name, and praised with one accord your defending hand;

Leader: for wisdom opened the mouths of those who were mute, and made the tongues of infants speak clearly. Amen

OPENING HYMN: God of the Ages No. 728

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

Lord of our days and steward of our lives, we thank you for your having created all that is around us and within us. We are in awe of what is here, and what the world could be if we were to follow your Wisdom. Help us to better ways, as when your Son taught us to pray, saying: *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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen*

GLORIA PATRI No. 734

Glory be to the Creator, and to the Christ: And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

THE MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

READING OF THE WORD

New Testament: John 1: 1-19 Old Testament: Sirach 24: 1-12

SERMON "Into the World"

HYMN OF REFLECTION: How Firm a Foundation No. 411

PASTORAL PRAYER

HOLY COMMUNION

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Arr. by Sanborn
While we are not physically together we encourage you to mail your offering (P.O. Box 128, Greenland, NH 03840); or give online by clicking on the icon on our Facebook page. Thank you.

DOXOLOGY No. 34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow:
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our God of love and hope, even as you receive our gifts, we are ready to receive your will. Let us be faithful agents and stewards as we build your Kingdom in this holy place, with these holy people, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise No. 48

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Arr. by Carter

HYMNS FOR CHRISTMAS 2B SUNDAY

OPENING HYMN: God of the Ages No. 728

1. God of the ages, whose all mighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shiny worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before your throne arise.
2. Your love divine has led us in the past, in this free land by you our lot is cast; be now our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay, your Word our law, your paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be your strong arm our ever sure defense; your true religion in our hearts increase, your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh your people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never ending day; fill all of our lives with heaven born love and grace, and songs of praise we'll lift before your face!

HYMN OF REFLECTION: HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION No. 411

1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word! What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God, and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with you in trouble to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.
4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply; the flame shall not hurt you, I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.
5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

CLOSING HYMN: IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE No. 48

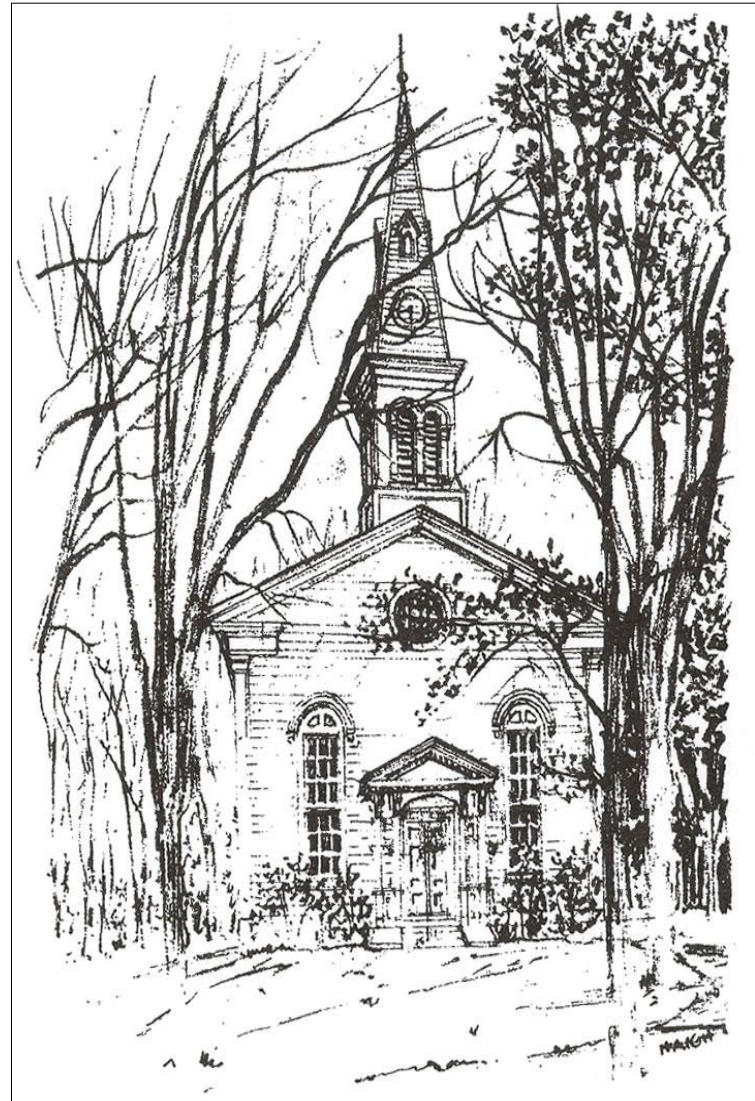
1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish but naught changeth thee.
4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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**GOD CALLS US TOGETHER TO WELCOME ALL
AND TO SERVE GOD, EACH OTHER, THIS COMMUNITY,
AND THE WORLD
IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST'S LOVE.**

❖ ALL ARE WELCOME! ❖