**Welcome to Worship!**

December 5, 2021  Advent 2C

 **COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Prelude** " \* \* \* " R. Schumann

**Advent Candle Lighting #175 V. 1, 3**

*We light the Advent candles against the winter night, to welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world’s True Light, to welcome our Lord Jesus who is the world’s True Light.*

*We light the second candle, and hear God’s holy Word, it tells us, cling to Jesus, prepare to meet your Lord, it tells us, cling to Jesus, prepare to meet your Lord!*

**Responsive Call to Worship Based on Luke 1: 68, 69, 76-79**

 Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked

 favorably on his people and redeemed them.

 **People**:  **He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house**

 **of his servant David.**

Leader:  And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most

 High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his

 ways,

 **People: to give knowledge of salvation to his people**

 **by the forgiveness of their sins.**

 Leader:  By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high

 will break upon us,

 **People: to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the**

 **shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of**

 **peace.**

**Opening Hymn:** "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" **No. 156**

**Unison Prayer of Invocation and Lord’s Prayer (debts)**

Lord, we are a fearful people, needing guidance when crisis comes.  Help us remember and know your presence and guidance are ever-present, as you reminded us for all time as 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**

**choir anthem**  "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

**Reading of the Word**  Malachi 3: 1-4 and Luke 3: 1-6

**Sermon** Comforting Hope

**Meditation Hymn:** "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" **No. 153**

**Prayers of the People**

**Holy Communion**

**Call For The Offering**

**Offertory** "What Child is This" Sanborn

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**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**

**Closing Hymn:** "Comfort Comfort Now My People” **No. 155**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Mary, Did You Know?" Schrader



The greeters/ushers are Robin and John Weeks.

The liturgist is Heidi Duncanson.

***Community Congregational Church (UCC)***

***Greenland, New Hampshire***

***Gathered in 1706***

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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!** 