**Welcome to Worship!**

December 19, 2021  Advent 4C

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Prelude** "The Song of the Lark" Tchaikovsky

**Advent Candle Lighting #175 V. 1, 5**

Our choir members light the candle of Peace: Heidi Duncanson, Samuel Partyka, Joanne Spradlin, and Mark Weaver.

**Responsive Call to Worship Based on Psalm 80: 1-7**

 Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like

 a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine

 forth

 **People**:  **before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up**

 **your might, and come to save us!**

Leader:  Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be

 saved.

 **People:** **O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with**

 **your people’s prayers?**

Leader:  You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given

 them tears to drink in full measure.

 **People: You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies**

 **laugh among themselves.**

 Leader: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we

 may be saved.

**Opening Hymn:** "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

 **No. 176**

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

Lord, we cannot help but wonder and worry about the future and those around us.  Help us to know that we can exchange our worries for your peace, that which your Son promised when he 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** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**Reading of the Word**  Luke 1: 39-55

**Sermon** Finding Peace in an Anxious World

**Meditation Hymn:**  "For Ages Women Hoped and Prayed"

 **No. 172**

**Prayers of the People**

**Call For The Offering**

**Offertory** "Silent Night" Shackley

You may also mail your offering (P.O. Box 128, Greenland, NH 03840); Give on line by going to greenlanducc.org and click the "Donate" tab. 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**

**Closing Hymn:** "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear” **No. 191**

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "Angels We Have Heard on High" Sanborn



The greeters are Bonnie Gardner and Barbara Stone.

The liturgist is Barbara Stone.

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

***Greenland, New Hampshire***

***Gathered in 1706***

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***Music Director: Sam Partyka***

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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!** 