

SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – 2CC.ORG

December 25, 2018

Prelude A Collection of Christmas Favorites

Welcome

Trio Instrumental Angels We Have Heard on High

*Call To Worship (Psalm 98)

Leader: O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

People: *His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.*

Leader: The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

People: *He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.*

Leader: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

People: *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.*

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

People: *With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King the LORD.*

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth.

People: *He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.*

Leader: Come, Let Us Worship God!

*Hymn 41 O Come All Ye Faithful

*Prayer of Confession

Holy One, today we see so much child-like wonder, and gather after passing along quiet streets, full of peace and joy. The world seems new, as Your Son said it would be. Yet we still seek to be made new in so many ways. Some assembly is still required in us. We give in and give up too easily. We walk away when we should approach. We love too weakly. Forgive us. Transform us. Strengthen us to be your people, so that every day may be like this day. In the name of your birthday Son we ask it. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 579)

Trio Instrumental What Child Is This

Scripture Lesson John 1:1-14

Sermon “Testify to the Light” Rev. Maxwell Grant

Offertory

*Offertory Hymn 56 The First Nowell

Prayer of Dedication

Lord, as the magi brought their gifts to worship The King of Kings, we bring you our humble gifts. May they help us to build your Kingdom, and teach us to give not only of our means, but of ourselves. Amen.

Joys & Concerns/Lord’s Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *And also with you.*

Leader: Let us pray.

Pastoral Prayer

(A time for silent personal reflection.)

Silent Prayer/Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer (“debts”)

Passing of the Peace

*Hymn 31 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Postlude Variations on “Joy To The World”

(*) Please stand