



SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Gathered in 1705

Conversation, Celebration, Community - of Faith

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December 30, 2018

Prelude

Sussex Carol

Welcome

*Call To Worship (*Psalm 148:1-4,13-14*)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

People: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

Leader: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

People: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

People: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn 31

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(Children should leave for the church school program after the 2nd verse of the hymn)

*Prayer of Confession

Lord God, the presents have been given and the tree removed. The travelers have returned home. We rose to the occasion or did not. Now a new year begins. Help us to hold fast to the good of these days - remembering the light that shines in darkness. Forgive us when we let the darkness go without challenge, especially in ourselves. Remind us that we are strong enough to offer healing, and caring enough to risk love. In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 579)