CASTILE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4 Washington Street Castile, NY 14427

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 12, 2021 10:00 AM

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Prelude
Ringing of Tower Bell – 10:00 AM
Welcome
◈**Praise Music No. 114 "Emmanuel" (sing twice)** Please stand
Announcements

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy

Lisa Gunn & Lindsay Buckel

Congregational Response:
Light three candles, see them glow. Brightly, so that all may know.
How three candles show the way. Making our darkness bright as day.

Call to Worship:
Pastor: Rejoice, give thanks; call on God's name.
The Holy One is in our midst.
People: How good it is to come home to God's house!
How good it is to gather in Christ's presence!
Pastor: Sing aloud! Exult with all your heart.
The Sovereign One has done glorious things.
People: We offer up our anxieties, seeking God's peace.
We face our plenty, eager to share.
Pastor: Shout your praise! Express your joy!
The God of our salvation welcomes us.
People: God's love is renewing us in these moments.
God's strength is becoming our song!

◈**Opening Hymn No. 131 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"**

◈**Prayer of Invocation:**
God of our baptism, renew in us today the gifts of Your Holy Spirit and fire. We have come together, eager for good news. We are here for instructions, ready to do the work you call us to do in the world. Equip us in this time of worship to draw deeply from the waters of salvation. Fill us with Your love that we may pass it on. Recall us to truth and excellence and justice and all we say and do. Amen.

◈**Gloria Patri**

Handbell Choir: "Coventry Carol" arranged by Micheal Helman

Children's Message: "The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree" Part 3
Read by Sandy Graham & Maya Bellamy
"I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In"- Church Choir
Dismissal to Sunday School

Church Choir: "God with Us" - arr. Rouse

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:7-18

Message: "The Clock Radio & The Alarm Clock"

You Tube: "Messiah" – Francesco Battistelli

Pastor: Wide awake and watchful, we prepare the way.
People: In this Advent season, for that glorious day.
Pastor: When you claim all people, for your very own.
People: When the Christ is honored, and Your will is known.

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (sins)

◈**Closing Hymn No. 119 "O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful"**

Benediction
Postlude

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Our offering plates are located in the Church narthex.

If you are a guest here today, we welcome you and invite you to visit us again whenever possible. Please introduce yourself to our Temporary Pastor, Tammy Lathan, before you leave today.