CASTILE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
4 Washington Street Castile, NY 14427

Third Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 11, 2022 10:00 AM

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Prelude
Ringing of Tower Bell – 10:00 AM
Greeting and Announcements
"The Christmas Fund" Mission Moment – Mary Reagan

Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy
Roseanne Lindsey & Marlene Loomis

Congregational Prayer: Father, thank you for the joy the angels experienced, the joy of Jesus' birth, and the joy of the new birth that we can experience day by day until we see you in glory. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

◈Advent Hymn No. 125 "Joy to the World" vs. 1 & 4

Call to Worship: (You may be seated)
Pastor: Come away from haste and frantic busyness.
This is a season for quiet waiting.
People: It is hard to still our souls when we are so busy.
It is hard to be patient with ourselves and others.
Pastor: Receive God's mercy and strengthen your hearts.
A Savior is coming; God's love is near.
People: We want to hear and believe God's promises.
We want to be patient and loving seekers.
Pastor: God presents us with a high and holy way.
Come before God now with praise and singing.
People: We sense the joy God offers us.
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior.

◈Opening Praise Hymn No. 1 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Prayer of Invocation:
God speaks to our fearful hearts: Be strong, do not fear. I will come to save you. Sorrow and sighing flee away. Joy and gladness are yours. "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead raised, and the poor have good news brought to them." Praise God!

◈Gloria Patri

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 146: 5-10

Children's Message: "The Gifts That Jesus Brings"
Dismissal to Sunday School

Castile UCC Church Choir: "Long Awaited One" – D. Nolan

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

◈Praise Hymn No. 67 "We Will Glorify" vs. 1 & 3

Message: "How is Your Life Going Today?"

You Tube: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" - Enya

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

◈Closing Hymn No. 151 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" vs. 2 & 3
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.