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

Christmas Pageant Sunday

Sunday, December 18, 2022 10:00 AM

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

Lighting the Advent Candle of LOVE
Patrick Feroleto & Kennedy Gross

Congregational Prayer: Father, thank you for your undeserved love that envelopes us and saves us, that fills us with Your Spirit, and includes us in the momentous plans of your kingdom. Amen.

◈Opening Hymn No. 92 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs. 1 & 2

Call to Worship: (You may be seated)
Pastor: Come away from times of weariness.
Dare to accept the energy God offers you.
People: Restore our energy, God of all power.
Let Your goodness flow through us.
Pastor: Come away from all your insignificant distractions.
Dare to let God show you a larger picture.
People: Help us to examine the flow of our lives.
Reveal to us what is really important.
Pastor: Come away from the scorn of enemies.
Dare to laugh with those who have laughed at you.
People: Led us to think of others in new ways.
Let us find grace and peace in Emmanuel.

◈Advent Hymn No. 145 "Oh Come All Ye Faithful" vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of Invocation: (Please remain standing)
Righteous God, whose gifts of grace and peace are delivered in strange and unexpected places, let your promise of Emmanuel be a sign of salvation near at hand. Restore us to that quality of life and relationships which has been your intention for humanity since the beginning of time. Amen.

◈Gloria Patri

Castile UCC Church Choir: "Love Came Down" arr. L. Gambill

Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

◈Advent Hymn No. 157 "Away in a Manger" vs. 1 & 2

The Castile UCC Christmas Pageant
"The Animals Christmas" by Aileen Urquhart

Castile UCC Handbell Choir: "The Little Drummer Boy"

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

◈Closing Hymn No. 131 "Angels from the Realm of Glory" vs. 1 & 2

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.