CASTILE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4 Washington Street

Castile, NY 14427

New Year's Day Sunday, January 1, 2023

10:00 AM

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Prelude

Ringing of Tower Bell – 10:00 AM Greeting and Announcements

♦ Hymn of Praise No. 151 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice"

Call to Worship: (You may be seated)

Pastor: Before all time and all worlds, there was the Word.

That word came to our time and place as a human being.

People: The Word was the truth of God.

That Word has come to us in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: God has spoken through creation and through the prophets.

Yet, the person of Jesus speaks to us most clearly.

People: In Christ, we see the glory and kindness of God.

Through Christ, we know we are God's children.

Pastor: Come, then, to sing new songs of praise.

Rejoice that God sends messengers of good news.

People: We bring the melodies of our hearts and voices.

Praise God with harp and trumpets and horns!

♦ Opening Hymn No. 133 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" vs. 1 & 2

Prayer of Invocation: (Please stand)

Amid the joyful songs of Christmastide, we pause, O God, to let the joy seep into the pores of our being. We take these moments to ponder your faithfulness, even when we have ignored you. We reach for your peace that turns us from our frantic preoccupation with so much that denies life. May the brightness of your glory be reflected on us in a time of genuine worship. May it shine through us, changing what we see and hear as we pass through your world. Amen.

♦Gloria Patri

Old Testament Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

♦ Hymn No. 137 "What Child Is This?"

Children's Message: "Don't Miss Christmas" No Sunday School Today

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-7

Message: 'Don't Miss the Baby"

You Tube: "The Best Christmas Song I've Ever Heard.

It Will Give You Chills"

Call to Prayer:

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer

Bell Tree Solo: Tom Reagan "Mary Did You Know?"

by Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene

Arrg. Barbara Brocker

Sacrament of Holy Communion The Lord's Prayer (sins)

♦ Closing Hymn No. 138 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Benediction Postlude

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.