

CASTILE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

4 Washington Street

Castile, NY 14427

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3rd, 2017

10:00 AM

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Prelude: "A Time Will Come for Singing" Dan Schutte, SJ

Ringing of the Tower Bell

Greeting and Announcements

*Lighting of the Advent Candle – Sue Ferris, Gabriel & Gillian Sommer*

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Come believers and scoffers, faithful and faithless;  
God welcomes us all to this time apart.

**People: We sense God's call, even when we do not reply;  
God hears us, even when we do not speak.**

Pastor: Amid prosperity and calamity, God is present,  
Whether or not we respond.

**People: How shall we know God's salvation if we reject it,  
Or be healed if we turn away?**

Pastor: Now is the time to await Christ's appearing  
and to seek spiritual gifts.

**People: We come, expectantly, yet fearfully,  
Knowing that worship may change us. Amen.**

◆ **Praise & Worship Hymn No. 114 "Emmanuel" (sing twice)**

**Confession of Sin: (In Unison)**

**In this Advent season we are summoned to prepare for God's coming to us in a form we can begin to understand. Jesus accepted all our human limitations yet remained faithful to the Eternal law of love. We who have taken this saving action for granted are called to repent and be watchful. Let us confess our disobedience.**

Assurance of Forgiveness: Rev. Harrison Putnam

God is the source of all our unused spiritual gifts. We have been given everything we need for a new life in Christ. Grace and peace come to us now, to equip us for the tasks which we are called. Receive God's forgiveness with joy, and the assurance of strength to do what God expects. Amen.

◆ **Gloria Patri (No. 623 in blue hymnal)**

Pastor: O Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All: You have set your glory above the heavens!**

Passing of the Peace (Please refrain from shaking hands – Flu season)

Leader: Having been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us share signs of that reconciliation with one another. The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also with you (Please share God's Peace with those around you saying: "the Peace of Christ be with you".)**

Children's Message – Rev. Dr. Clyde Embling

Dismissal to Bible Adventure Time

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 pg. 574

Church Choir: "Prepare the Way" Martin

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37 pg. 777

Message: "Where Are You God?"- Rev. Harrison Putnam

◆ **Hymn No. 123 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

Invitation to Giving: "In the Bleak Midwinter" (on insert in pews)

Offertory: "Come Lord Jesus" - MD Ridge

◆ **Doxology (No. 624 in Blue Hymnal)**

Prayer of Dedication

**Hymn No. 221 "Spirit Song" (1<sup>st</sup> verse) (In P & W Hymnal)**

Joys and Concerns & **The Lord's Prayer (sins)**

**Hymn No. 221 "Spirit Song" (2<sup>nd</sup> verse) (In P & W Hymnal)**

Sacrament of Holy Communion (See Insert)

Communion Music: "Come to the Water" John Foley, SJ

◆ **Hymn No. 124 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

Benediction

Postlude: "Every Valley" Bob Dufford, SJ

*If you are a guest here today, we welcome you and invite you to visit us again whenever possible. Please introduce yourself to our Pastor before leaving and sign our guest book.*

**"No Matter Where You are on Your Faith Journey,  
YOU are Welcome Here!**