

Second Baptist Church, Suffield

January 23, 2022

Welcome - Lighting of the Candles - Ringing the Bell

Prelude. "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

Paxton Jean Aldrich-Jones, organ

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 19)

The heavens make clear God's reputation! Creation reveals God's ingenuity!

Without words, each day retells this message, and each night imparts awareness of it!

Nature's testimony is a solid foundation for wisdom!

Oh, that we, Your servants, might be enlightened by it!

Keep us, O God, from the presumption of our dominance over Your works, lest this sin should gain dominion over our very lives!

Rather, let the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer!

Hymn "Spirit" # 249 (vv. 1 & 4)

REFRAIN: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free, Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep, then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep; and over the eons you called to each thing, "Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." **REFRAIN**
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes. From the bondage of sorrow the captives dream dreams; Our women see visions, our men clear their eyes. With bold new decisions your people arise. **REFRAIN**

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our **debts**, as we forgive our **debtors**. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

First Reading Luke 4:14-21 Libby O'Hara

Special Music "Hymn of Promise" Molly Drenzek
Jean Aldrich-Jones, piano

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A Time for Children Sue Schneller

A Time of Prayer

Second Reading John 3:1-13

Sermon "Jesus: The Wisdom Teacher" David Battle

Hymn **"Your Love, O God"** # 71 (vv. 1 & 2)

- Your love, O God, is broad like beach and meadow, Wide as the wind, and courage to unfold.
 You leave us free to seek you or to reject you, You give us room to answer "yes" or "no."
- We long for freedom where our truest being
 Is given hope and courage to unfold.
 We seek in freedom space and scope for dreaming,
 And look for ground where trees and plants can grow.

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Benediction

Postlude: "Ye Holy Angels Bright" Ritter

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th Jean Aldrich-Jones, organ