



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Greeting

*Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: God of love, you hear the cry of those who suffer.

All: We cry out with all who are in anguish.

Leader: Gentle Christ, you walk with all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All: We walk with you among those who suffer.

Leader: Holy Spirit, we often despair as we face the troubles of the world.

All: We open ourselves to your presence, so we need not fear. Calm our hearts, and give us courage to serve with you.

*Opening Hymn:

Come, God Creator, Be Our Shield

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Affirmation of Faith (unison):

We give our hearts to God, Creator of all, whose Spirit is in the wind and in the calm, in our little boats and in the seas about us.

We follow Christ, who is with us in the storms of life; who holds the power of all Creation in his hands; and who gives us peace by his resurrected presence. He bids us to trust, to love and to wonder in his name.

We live by the power of the Spirit, who gives us peace in all our difficulties and courage in all our endeavors. Since even the wind and the seas obey, we too obey God, the Holy One. We devote ourselves to accept the grace of God, to minister with Christ, to live resurrection, and to serve in love, for the sake of the healing of all Creation, in the name of Christ. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Time with the Child in All of Us

First Scripture:

1 Samuel 17:32-49

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Hymn:

Be Still, My Soul

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The Church at Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison):

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, for ever. Amen.

From the Gospel :

Mark 4:35-41

p. 916

Sermon:

A Faith That Trusts and Empowers

Lisa Hart

Supporting the Church's Mission and Ministry

Call to Generosity

Offertory:

*Doxology

tune: 780

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God for all that love has done;

Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison):

Eternal God we give you these gifts as symbols of our lives. Take them and do your will with them. Through our giving and our service, reach out to those who struggle through the storms of life and offer rest and safety to them. Help us to be a source of peace, present to them so that they may know your love. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

*Departing Hymn

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

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*Benediction

*Benediction Response: *Halleluja* 236

Postlude

An asterisk (*) where those who are able should stand as an act of worship.
Hearing-assistance devices are available in the entrance near the canopy
LARGE PRINT bulletins and hymns are available.

The Call to Worship, Affirmation of Faith and Prayer of Dedication were written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, *unfoldinglight.net*.

Library Flex Space During Worship

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary and Sunday morning worship is intended to be a family experience. However, we appreciate that some parents might need support during worship with wiggly little ones. Therefore, we have created a relaxed space in the first-floor library for use during worship. This space is outfitted with toys, crayons/paper, books, puzzles, and more. The worship service is live streamed in the library so you will not miss any part of the service. This space is open to anyone who finds they would be more comfortable using this alternate room.



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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, June 17

6PM - Quilting

Tuesday, June 18

6:30-8pm - VBS Volunteer Orientation

Thursday, June 20

6-8pm - SALT Trip Planning

Sunday, June 23

9AM - Worship

VBS - June 23-25

5:45-7:30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Church Directory – Coming Fall 2024!

Please see the June newsletter for information on submitting information for a new church directory. Flyers are also available on the back table in the sanctuary. Questions can be directed to Krista Nechvatal or Kris Wilbricht or by sending an email to: directory@saalemchurchverona.org

VBS Begins Next Sunday Evening

Join us VBS June 23-25 from 5:45-7:30pm. This year's VBS is in community with Sugar River UMC. We will meet at Salem the first two evenings and wrap up on the third evening at Sugar River UMC.