



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 28, 2024

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Greeting

*Call to Worship (responsive): adapted from *In This Place* by Alan Gaunt

One: This is the place and this is the time: here and now God waits to break into our experience:

Many: To change our minds, to change our lives, to change our ways;

One: To make us see the world and the whole of life in a new light;

Many: To fill us with hope, joy, and clarity for the future.

One: This is the place, as are all places; this is the time, as are all times.

Many: O God of this place, and every place, God of this time, and all time, here and now, we praise you.

*Opening Hymn: *Sing Them Over Again to Me* 319

Confession (responsive):

One: It is no secret that we live in difficult times. In the words of the prophets, we feel a shaking of the very foundations of what we have assumed to be true. We are troubled and conflicted about so much in the world. Too often this leads us to acting out of our fear and not our faith. And so we bring to our God an honest prayer of how we are:

All: Loving God of creation and salvation, we are created in your image, full of infinite possibility for good and evil, healing and hurting. We confess that we have not always answered your call for justice, for truth, for mercy, for love and kindness, for respect of self and others.

We have not walked the paths you have shown us, we have turned away from the struggle for life, we have at times forgotten you. O God of love and of caring, we acknowledge our brokenness and our shortcomings.

We invite you into the root-bound places in our lives, that our hearts might be open to healing and new growth. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Time with the Child in All of Us

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:105-112 p. 557

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: Matthew 5:17-20 p. 882

Sermon: Community of Jesus: Deeply Scriptural Rev. Phil Hobson

*Hymn: *I Love to Tell the Story* 522

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):

God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* 76

*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.



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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, July 29

SALT Sharing Potluck

Friday, August 2

10AM-2PM - Meals for Madison

Sunday, August 4

9AM - Worship

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

How to contact the church office by e-mail

Going forward, for church office needs, please e-mail office@saalemchurchverona.org. Cara will forward her e-mail to this account for a time, but then her cbahr@saalemchurchverona.org account will be deactivated. Cara will continue to perform some office tasks from afar until a replacement can be found.

July 29 @ 6pm, SALT Sharing Potluck

Bring a dish to pass and join the youth and chaperones as they share their SALT experiences with the congregation.

Special Music

Our Choir Director Kelly Garrow is asking for anyone who wants to offer special music in worship to please contact her. It can be vocal or instrumental, solo or group. We are looking for music to be offered during the summer as well as year round.

If you are interested, please email Kelly at choir@saalemchurchverona.org. She is available to accompany you, if you want or need.

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