



**SALEM UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST  
*Living Out God's Love*

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 21, 2024

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Greeting

\*Call to Worship (responsive):

One: O Lord, our Lord, there are many places we could go this morning,

**Many: but we have desired to come to your house.**

One: There are many voices to which we can listen today,

**Many: but we desire to hear your voice.**

One: It would be easy to scatter,

**Many: but we have chosen to gather.**

One: We need to behold your beauty,

**Many: to inquire in your temple,**

One: to be wrapped in your love,

**Many: and to experience your renewing Spirit.**

One: Come close, Lord Jesus,

**Many: to fill us and renew us. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn:

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

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Confession (responsive):

One: The world is full of turmoil, and so too are our hearts. Our land is filled with violence, and we find no peace. Is there no salve for the world's wounds? Is there no comfort for the people who are hurting? We do not have the answers. And so, we pray together:

**All: Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our discipleship incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Silent Prayer*

Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing the Peace

Time with the Child in All of Us

First Scripture Reading:

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

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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:

John 9:1-12

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Sermon:

*Community of Jesus: Healing*

Rev. Phil Hobson

\*Hymn:

*We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness*

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Supporting the Church's Mission and Ministry

Call to Generosity

Offertory

\*Doxology

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**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):

**Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation. Amen.**

## Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn:	<i>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i>	553
*Benediction		
*Benediction Response:	<i>Halleluja</i>	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

Thursday, July 25  
Sunday, July 28

August Newsletter Articles Due  
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](mailto:directory@saalemchurchverona.org)

### Scripture Readers Needed!

We are in need of Sunday scripture readers to fill the 1st, 3rd and sometimes 5th Sundays of the month. If you have read in the past and are still willing to serve or if you have not recently and are interested, please let Cara Bahr know.

### 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](mailto:choir@saalemchurchverona.org). She is available to accompany you, if you want or need.

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