



An Open and Affirming Congregation

June 23, 2024

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Greeting

*Call to Worship (responsively): —based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

One: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

Many: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

One: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in God's holy temple.

Many: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

One: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Many: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

*Opening Hymn: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* 42

Invocation

Statement of Faith (unison): —from Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Time with the Child in All of Us

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 24:14-22 p. 179

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: Luke 6:27-36 p. 941

Sermon: Community of Jesus: Compassion Rev. Phil Hobson

*Hymn: *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* 286

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):

Generous God, may we give gifts that are sufficient and abundant as you have provided creation with all that we need to flourish. May the fear of scarcity give way to the joy of sharing. Magnify the resources we bring as well cultivate generosity within us so that all needs are met, and all your people may be well and whole in your name. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn: *I Thank You, Jesus* 41

*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.

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

Today

VBS - June 23-25

5:45-7:30pm

Monday, June 24

VBS - 5:45-7:30pm

July Newsletter Articles Due

Tuesday, June 25

VBS - 5:45-7:30pm

Sunday, June 30

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

VBS Begins This 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.