



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 14, 2024

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Greeting

*Call to Worship (responsive):

-from Psalm 100

One: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

Many: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

One: Know that the LORD is God. It is God who made us and we belong to God; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Many: Enter the gates with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks to God and praise God's name.

One: For the LORD is good and God's love endures forever;

Many: God's faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Opening Hymn:

Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

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Confession (responsive):

One: We come to confession with both the fullness of our faith and the fullness of our humanity. For we have followed lesser motives than love of God and love for our neighbor. It has been easier to live up to our fears than to our faith. We have encountered the pain and anger and frustration of the day and been overwhelmed. We come, Dear Lord, to be brought close again to you. And so, we pray together:

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Time with the Child in All of Us

First Scripture Reading:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

p. 213

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 4:1-11

p. 881

Sermon:

Community of Jesus: Discipleship

Rev. Phil Hobson

*Hymn:

Before Your Cross, O Jesus

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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):

Generous God, we thank you for the gifts we receive and for the gifts we give. May they serve to show your love and make your justice and mercy realities. Magnify their impact so that you may be glorified and your name be praised. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer (responsive):

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give God our thanks and praise.

Many: We give God our love and our lives.

Words of Institution

Lamb of God (803 in the back of the Hymnal)

Sharing and Receiving our Communion

The elements will be served to you in the pews. The bread is free from gluten, nuts and casein, though it is made in a kitchen where these ingredients are used. The inner rows of cups contain grape juice, while the outer row contains wine.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison):

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn: *I Come with Joy* 349

*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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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@salemchurchverona.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.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Tuesday, July 14

Youth return from SALT Trip

Sunday, July 21

9AM - Worship

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