



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

June 9, 2024

Graduation Sunday

Prelude

Greeting

*BRC Introit

*Call to Worship

One: From the rising of the sun 'til its setting in the west,

Many: God's holy name be praised.

One: On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

Many: God's holy name be praised.

One: In the visions of the old and the dreaming of the young,

Many: God's holy name be praised.

One: In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,

Many: God's holy name be praised.

One: Let all that has life and breath praise the Lord.

Many: God's holy name be praised.

*Opening Hymn:

Now Thank We All Our God

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Affirmation of Faith (Unison):

A New Creed from the United Church of Canada

One: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**All: We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.**

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

*Passing the Peace

Time with the Child in All of Us

First Scripture:

Proverbs 14:20-30

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BRC Anthem:

Order My Steps

[arr. Jack Shrader]

A Celebration of our High School Graduates

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 8:31-38

p. 977

Sermon:

Community of Jesus: Truth-Telling

Rev. Phil Hobson

*Hymn:

As We Gather at Your Table

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Supporting the Church's Mission and Ministry

Call to Generosity

Offertory:

The Yearning

[Craig Courtney]

tune: 780

*Doxology

**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):

Gracious and giving God, you have blessed us abundantly. Let these, our gifts and pledges, be used to bless the world by the work of this community of faith. Use these gifts, and use us, on behalf of faith, and hope, and love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer

One: The Presence of the Risen Christ is with you!

Many: And Jesus walks next to you.

One: Open up your hearts and souls.

Many: We open them to God's resurrection love.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord of life and Lord of the church.

Many: With joyous voices, hearts, and hands, we exclaim to God our praise.

Words of Institution

Breaking the Bread and Pouring the Cup

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

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

*Departing Hymn:

I Come with Joy

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*Benediction

BRC Benediction Response

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

VBS Registration

Salem UCC and Sugar River UMC are co-hosting a Community Vacation Bible School for All Ages. Registration materials are now available.

Join us **Sunday through Tuesday, June 23 - 25 from 5:45 - 7:30pm.**

Members of both churches will be a part of each piece of the program as we share with one another. Please contact Sarah Pundt if you are interested in helping with crafts, music, games, or child care (for infants and toddlers).

If you are willing to help with the meals please contact Cari Bass.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, June 10

6PM - Quilting

Tuesday, June 11

6PM - Finance

7PM - Council

Thursday, June 13

6:30PM - Men's Fellowship

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

9AM - Worship

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