



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

An Open and Affirming Congregation

February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship (responsively):

We have entered the season of Lent.

**It is a time offer our repentance.**

It is a time to journey with Jesus toward Jerusalem and the cross.

**It is there we find forgiveness of our sins and the renewal of our souls.**

\*Lenten Hymn: *Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days* 211

\*A Prayer of Gathering (unison):

**Our intention, O merciful God, is to use this Lenten season in ways that draw us closer to You. Remove then, from us any hesitancy to open our hearts and minds to the truth You speak to us, the mercy and grace You willingly share with us, and the direction You offer to us in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Sung Response: *Gloria Patri*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. A—men. A—men.**

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: *Jonah 3:1-10* p. 845

Gospel reading: *Matthew 4:1-11* p. 881

A Lenten Hymn: *Forty Days and Forty Nights* 205

Sermon: *FILLING THE VOID* Rev. Larry Balleine

Morning Prayers

Silent Prayer

Pastoral 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.**

Offering

Offertory

Sharing of gifts

\*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):

**Thank You Lord, for each gift You bestow upon us. Use not only these offerings we place on your altar; but use us as we discover again and again the joy of serving You in all the moments of our lives. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Dedication: *When, like the Woman at the Well* 196  
(sung to the tune of 507)

\*Benediction

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.

**Guest Preacher:** Leading for the first, third and fourth Sunday's in February, Rev. Larry Balleine will be joining us again. Larry has filled in at Salem before for at the request of Rev. Mark Yurs. He brings 40 years of experience to the pulpit, the last 18 years as pastor of Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello. Larry is also a published author of a series of Christian novellas and plays.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASTORAL CARE

**Lisa Hart** will be providing emergency pastoral care during this time of transition. If have a pastoral care emergency or need a hospital visit, etc, she can be reached at 608-438-1571.

### SUNDAY USHERS/WELCOMERS

Please sign up to usher/welcome using the clipboard in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

### JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER WORSHIP

Featuring fun trivia by George Adams and Rose Wieland. We will celebrate Salem's 100 birthday along with February birthdays.

### UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY

March 5	Youth Sunday
March 12	Lisa Hart
March 26	Jessica Taft

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Today, February 26

6:30-8PM - "Nothing to Hide"  
Speaker on Addiction

### Monday, February 27

Eve - Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, February 28

6:30PM - Music in Worship

### Wednesday, March 1

6PM - BRC

6:45PM - Chancel

### Sunday, March 5

#### Youth Sunday

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

6:30-8PM - "Nothing to Hide"

Speaker on Grief Loss, and Trauma



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