



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

An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 2, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Come, Share the Lord* [Brian Leech]

\*Call to Worship (Responsively):

We gather in this place.

**While we gather around the world.**

We speak in many tongues

**We proclaim the same faith.**

We come in many colors, ages, sizes and shapes;

We have different cultures and lifestyles.

**In common, we have your love.**

**In common, we have your peace.**

**In common, we have your hope.**

Lord of All, we have come together in worship.

**Lift our eyes to your mercy.**

**Lift our voices to your praise.**

**Lift our hearts to your peace-filled promise.**

**In the name of Jesus! Amen!**

\*Hymn: *As we Gather at Your Table* 332

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Forgiving God, we confess that we are a fearful people.

Too often, we walk through the abundance of your world  
afraid that there is not enough.

**We covet what little our neighbors have.**

**We hoard the goodness of your creation.**

We make of ourselves earthly titles and names,  
as though human honor was itself a finite commodity.

**And we make idols of scarcity and want,  
as though they and not you were eternal.**

Have mercy on us. Gently ease our grip,  
and open our hands and our eyes that we,  
trusting in your righteousness,  
may truly live out the heart of all commandments:

**to love you with our whole being,  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

\*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

The gospels inspire us from Jesus' earthly ministry to imitate his life.  
We thank you, God, for the Living Word, the spiritual presence of the  
Risen Christ and the community of faith that he creates.

**In symbols of worship, and in the ministry of faith,  
unite us in our search for deeper communion in Christ.**

First Lesson: 2 Timothy 1: 1-14 p. 1086

S.A.L.T. Trip Testimonials

Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine* (v.1) 525

Kaden Nechvatal

Tucker Malueg

Rod Runnheim

Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine* (v.2) 525

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17: 5-10 p. 956

Communion Meditation: "Encouragement" Dr. Robinson

Anthem: *Sanctify This Place* [Lew King]

Communion Hymn: *Come and Share Our Bread* [Tom Council]  
*Choir will sing first time and Congregation will join the second time*

**The Sacrament of Communion**

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

(... concludes with the Lord's Prayer)

**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.**

The Institution

Sharing the Bread and Wine: *The elements will be served to you in the pews. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free and casein-free. The inner rows of cups contain grape juice, while the outer row contains wine.*

Prayer after Communion (Responsively):

Almighty God, all thoughts of truth and peace come from you.

**Kindle in the hearts of all your children the love of peace,**  
and guide with your wisdom the leaders of the nations,  
**so that your kingdom will go forth in peace and the earth will be filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Offering

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

\*Hymn: *O God of Earth and Altar* 582

Benediction

Benediction Response: *May the Lord Go With You* [Anna Laura Page]

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.

## STAFF and SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

### Interim Minister

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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Today

1-2:30PM - **Neighbor Fest** in Sugar River  
parking lot

### Monday, October 3

Eve - Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, October 4

Eve - Cub Scouts

### Wednesday, October 5

6PM - BRC  
6:45PM - Chancel Choir  
6:30 - Handbells

### Saturday, October 8

10AM-2PM - Bike Collection Event

### Sunday, October 9

9AM - Sunday School  
10:15AM - Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEIGHBOR FEST

In response to the explosion of growth in Verona Salem is partnering with Sugar River Methodist Church in an effort to connect with our new neighbors. We hope to greet each new resident to area apartments with a heartfelt invitation to visit Salem and/or Sugar River and with a welcome bag of goodies to let them know that we're glad they are here.

**Celebrate the kickoff of this project with Neighbor Fest in the Sugar River parking lot on Sunday, Oct 2, 1 - 2:30pm**

**Grab your Salem T-shirt and invite your friends to come for food, music, games!**

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### CHANCEL COMMITTEE HELP

The chancel committee is looking for a few more members to help prepare communion. Duties would include setting up communion 1 or 2 times per year and washing the communion trays and glasses following worship (half hour). If you are interested let Harlan Hall or the church office know.

### FB4K BIKE DONATIONS ACCEPTED

For the second year, Salem will serve as a collection location for donations of used bikes for Free Bikes 4 Kidz Madison. Drop off will be on Saturday, October 8 from 10am-2pm. Bike should be in gently used or repairable condition.

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### LIVE STREAM HELP

Kevin Booth is looking for some volunteers interesting in helping with live-streaming our Sunday services. If you are interested, let Kevin or the church office know.

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### CROP WALK - October 16, 2022 @ 1pm.

The Salem Youth are once again sponsoring a CROP walk team and they invite the Salem congregation to join them. Please visit the team page to join the group or make a donation:  
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/salem-ucc-youth-and-congregation-2>

### MEALS FOR MADISON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Every Friday for many years St. Marks Lutheran Church in Madison has provided a free noon meal for the community. In the past Salem UCC participated as a volunteer organization to help staff this meal once per month. The job involves preparing, serving and cleaning up for their Friday noon meal. We need 4 to 5 volunteers who can help at St. Marks from approximately 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the chosen Friday. We are currently exploring whether or not we can commit to supplying volunteers one Friday a month. We would need a group of 10 or 15 people who might be interested in periodically going to St. Marks to help out. Here is a link with more information <http://www.stmarksmadison.org/friday-meal.aspx>

If you are interested in being a part of this volunteer opportunity please contact John Cashman at [jchange@tds.net](mailto:jchange@tds.net) or 608-720-0719. We are exploring our ability to commit to providing volunteers the first Friday of every month.

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