



In the One Spirit

Paul's First Letter to the
Christians in Corinth



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Bell Introit: *Ukrainian National Anthem* [arr. John Werenga]

Welcome

*The Call to Worship (Responsively):

We come with anticipation and hope into the Presence of God, trusting not in our own worthiness, but seeking to know and embrace the example of Christ.

We join in faith with Christians of all times and all places, expressing our need for the wholeness and purpose of Jesus Christ.

Let us now rejoice that the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ,

And that he will rule us forever and ever.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's Name be praised!

*Hymn: *Spirit of Love* 58

*Prayer of Confession (Responsively):

Great God: You have heard our prayers. We need not heap up phrases to persuade you, for you know our needs before we ask.

We ask only to be quiet and centered so that we may accept your healing and be channels of that peace and healing to others.

We pray for ourselves. We bring to you discouragements and worries we need to let go of, and strengths to say thanks for and to celebrate.

Keep us from getting down on ourselves when we feel the burden of failure, and nudge us to new aspiring when we get too comfortable and complacent.

Make us strong to handle each day's tasks, one day at a time.

And keep us clear-eyed to see the right path to walk in. You are God of the whole world, and so we pray for people far away as well as those near to us. Especially for sisters and brothers whose prayers are anguished today because they suffer

violence or want, hunger or fearfulness. Give them a future and a hope. Make wars to cease unto the ends of the earth:

Shatter the spear

Break the bow

Burn the chariots in the fire.

And bring the day long-promised, when earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God as waters cover the sea. Amen.

*Silent and Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively): (adapted from Isaiah 54:10)

"For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you,

And my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you."

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Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 4:1-21 p. 1042

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Bell Anthem: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* [arr. Jason W. Krug]

Sermon: Ready for "Radical Freedom"? Dr. Robinson

*Hymn: *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* 588

Benediction

Postlude

An asterisk (*) where those who are able should stand as an act of worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

The Mission Committee, the BoCE, and two of our Confirmands (Brianna Runnheim and Blake Adams) are sponsoring our church wide Lenten Mission project to benefit FB4KMadison (Free Bikes for Kids Madison). Last fall, the Salem Youth collected 67 bikes from the local community for the benefit of FB4KMadison. It costs about \$100 per bike to get it into the hands of a new owner. This cost covers the bike helmet, lock, and any maintenance/repairs. How to help:

- Donate a new bicycle helmet
- Donate a bike lock (a lock with a combination and not one with a lock/key)
- Donate funds to support the mission of FB4KMadison. Checks payable to FB4KMadison.
- Donate your time: visit the FB4Kids website to volunteer (fb4kmadison.org). They have different tasks, and most do not require any experience. Some experience required for bicycle repair positions.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS

Salem Women's Guild will hold a business meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 1:30 pm. We will have two major topics to discuss. First, Angela Quade and Krista Nechvatal, members of the search committee, will come to have a conversation with the ladies present at the meeting. They will be asking questions pertaining to: where Salem has been, where we are now, and where we think God is calling us to go. Our thoughts will be used for the search committee to develop a profile for Salem UCC. This will be an important tool to be used in Salem's search for a new Pastor.

Secondly, we will need to discuss the possibility of having our annual Spring Salad Luncheon. With the mask mandate lifted, we may be able to host this event. The officers will check with Pastor Tom and the Council to get their thoughts/approval prior to the meeting. If it is a "go," we can continue to make plans for this event.

As a reminder, Paying Hostesses for March are: Joyce Fredrickson, Becky Hagenston, Verlis Luchsinger, Pat McCarthy, and Ann Nelson. For April: Helen Hageman, Susan Hageman, Lisa Hart, and Judy Skupien.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, March 21 Wed., March 23

Eve - Boy Scouts
4:45PM - Confirmation
6PM - BRC

Thursday, March 24 Sunday, March 27

6:45PM - Chancel Choir
7PM - Parent's Promise
9AM - Sunday School
10:15AM - Worship

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