



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

An Open and Affirming Congregation

August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship (Responsively):

God says, "I am the fountain of living water.  
I will feed you with the finest of wheat,  
with honey from the rock.

**You who have wandered far from me,  
return to me, return to me.**

**You who have gathered close,  
stay near, stay near.**

**I am the fountain of living water."**

You are our strength.

You are our helper.

**You are our life.**

**You are our joy!**

(reflecting the words of Psalm 81, Jeremiah 2)

\*Hymn: *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

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\*Prayer of Confession (Responsively):

This morning, O God,  
your voice sounds into our lives again.

**We are grateful to hear your call,  
for on many mornings**

**we hear other voices—**

**voices urging us to care only about ourselves;**

**voices urging us to serve other gods:**

**our work, our bank accounts, our egos,**

**our peer groups, our ideologies.**

By the end of the week,

we feel trapped in our anxiety, our work, our spending,

our need for control, and our excuses.

**And then we hear your voice again  
calling us to your healing care,**

**to your spacious freedom,**

**to your giving humility.**

**We come to rest and be fed.**

**Call us to your freeing love again.**

**Feed us now, God of our strength. Amen.**

\*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

Through the ages, O God, you have called to us to follow.

You led us to freedom, to hope and peace.

**Our God, you enter our hearts again today and lead us to your  
healing love that we might serve you joyfully in this world that  
you have loaned to us.**

**We thank you, Lord. Amen.**

First Reading :

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

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Prayers of the People and 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.**

Second Lesson:

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

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Sermon:

Not About Manners

Rev. Dr. Paul J. Melrose

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:

*Lift High the Cross*

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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.

# Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

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1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the
2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and
3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound-ed and
4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my



Pot - ter, I am the clay: Mould me and make me  
try me, Mas - ter, to - day! Whit - er than snow, Lord,  
wea - ry, Help me, I pray! Pow - er, all pow - er,  
be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it



Aft - er Thy will, While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still.  
Wash me just now, As in Thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow.  
Sure - ly is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine!  
Till all shall see Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me!



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Are you wondering about the progress being made in the transition to a new settled pastor? Members of the search committee worked diligently this summer to complete Salem's church profile in early August. The local church profile asks three primary questions: Who are we? Who is our neighbor? and Who is God calling us to become? Input from the congregation during small group meetings and a church wide survey was summarized and shared with the council and congregation in June. The committee used this information to complete sections of the profile, solicited recommendations and curated the MissionInsite data. Throughout this process there was heartfelt discussion about Salem's past, the current need and hope for the future. The church council unanimously accepted the finalized profile at its August meeting and it was sent to Rev. Ted Drewsen the Bridge Associate Conference Minister for validation. **The conference has posted our open position on UCC Ministry Opportunities.**

The next step is meeting with the new Associate Conference Minister Pastor Rachel Bauman in September about reading candidate profiles received from the conference. Be in prayer and patient as we await the pastor who is called to assist us on the path God is calling Salem.

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

**Sunday, September 4** 9AM - Worship

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### Guest Preacher this morning: Welcome to Rev. Dr. Paul J. Melrose

*Paul is a retired United Methodist Minister, who, with his wife Sue, a retired Presbyterian minister (how they know Tom Robinson) retired here in 2015 to be near their three Sun Prairie grandchildren, and their parents, their son being their father. In his ministry he has served 2 local churches, directed pastoral counseling centers in NJ and Michigan, been a therapist, and interim pastor. Most recently he was Assisting Pastor for Pastoral Care at First United Methodist Church in Madison. Paul and Sue enjoy the symphony and Broadway shows, spending time with family, including their daughter and partner in CA, and travel.*