



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

An Open and Affirming Congregation

April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday, 10:15am

Prelude: *The Hallelujah Chorus* [Jan Sanborn]

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Resurrection Joy* [Lloyd Larson]

\*Call to Worship (Responsively):

Early on the first day of the week,  
the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried,  
**only to find that the stone had been rolled away  
and the tomb was empty.**

Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples,  
on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel:

**Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!**

**Let us rejoice and be glad!**

People of God, we are witnesses to these things:  
that Christ died, hanging on a cross;  
that God raised him from the dead on the third day;  
that he is coming again in glory to reign.

**This is the good news we tell to all the world:**

**Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

\*Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* 233

\*Prayer of Confession (Responsively):

O God, no matter what the men in dazzling robes might say, we are alarmed!

**We are alarmed that you would choose to appear to us.**

**We can understand that you might appear to disciples**

**– those that went with Jesus to do good and heal the oppressed.**

**It is hard for us to imagine that you truly show no partiality.**

**Surely, there are more talented people, more prayerful people,**

**more intelligent people, more faithful people than we are.**

But today, O God, we remember that you come to us all.

**You come to the strong and the ill,**

**the rich and the poor, the proud and the humble.**

**You appear.**

**You come again to remind us what we have forgotten.**

**Forgive us, O God, for our alarm.**

**Forgive us, O God, for not believing in ourselves.**

**Appear to us now so that we might be resurrected with your  
love. Amen.**

*(inspired by Acts 10:34-43 and Mark 16:1-8)*

\*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

God appeared long ago to the faithful.

**God appears now to doubters.**

God will appear to seekers.

**God appeared and is appearing because God shows no partiality,  
because God so loves this world,  
and God so loves us. Amen.**

Reading from Acts of the Apostles: Acts 10:34-43 p. 1004

\*Hymn: *Halleluja* 236

Reading from the Easter Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 p. 966

Prayer for Easter (... 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.**

Anthem: *Joy in the Morning* [Natalie Sleeth]

Sermon: "Re-Gifting to the Giver" Dr. Robinson

Offering for Easter

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: *The Day of Resurrection* 245

Benediction

Choral Benediction: *Up From the Grave He Arose*

Postlude: *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth* [Cindy Berry]

## Easter Lily Sponsors

Thank you to those who sponsored lilies for our Easter Sunday services.

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*\*If you sponsored an Easter Lily, you are welcome to take them home to enjoy after today's worship service. If left, we will continue to have them in the sanctuary until you do take them home, or they are no longer looking beautiful.*

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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Monday, April 18

Eve - Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, April 19

6:30PM - Men's Fellowship at Quivey's Grove

### Wednesday, April 20

4:45PM - Confirmation

6PM - BRC

6:30PM - Handbells

6:45PM - Chancel Choir

### Thursday, April 21

7PM - Koinonia (Women's Fellowship)

### Friday, April 22

4-8PM - Piano Recital

### Sunday, April 24

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

Afternoon - Piano Recital

6:30PM - Youth Gathering

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