



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude

Greeting

Choral Introit

*Call to Worship (responsive):

One: To whom can we compare you, O Holy One?

North side: We lift up our eyes,

South side: We wait upon the Eternal, our God.

North side: How good it is to sing praises to our God.

South: A song of praise is fitting!

All: Let us worship God together.

*Opening Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

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Prayer for Transformation and New Life (responsive):

One: God invites us to come to worship as our whole selves: God offers us a new beginning day by day and week by week. Trusting in God, we pray for transformation and new life:

All: Holy One, we hope in your steadfast love, bringing our broken hearts and our wounded spirits. Make us aware of the hearts we break, the spirits we wound, of those we treat as outcasts, of those we tread down. Renew us in your grace, renew us in your strength. Amen.

Silent Prayer

Words of Grace (responsive):

One: Have you not known? Have you not heard? God does not grow weary with us, but loves, forgives, and renews us. Go with renewed strength in your walk of faith.

All: Alleluia! Amen!

*Passing the Peace

Time with Children

Choral Anthem: *Three Things I Require* [Iris Perry & John Purifoy]

The Church at Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Silent 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.

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31 p. 654

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39 p. 913

Sermon: Ministry from Healing Rev. Phil Hobson

*Hymn: *We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness* 179

Offering

Call to Offering

*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):

Holy One, we bring our gifts and pray that they may be for the building up and lifting up of your people, for the binding of wounds and the healing of hearts, for shelter and for covering and clothing for those in need. With these gifts we offer our songs of praise as we hope in your steadfast love. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

*Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 472

Benediction

Choral Response

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
LARGE PRINT bulletins and hymns are available.

Parts of today's worship come from *The Lifting: Service Prayers* for the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Year B, written by The Rev. Stephanie Perdew, PhD, Director, The Damascus Project, Shared Theological Education Ministry of the Wisconsin & Minnesota Conferences of the United Church of Christ.

Library Flex Space During Worship

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary and Sunday morning worship is intended to be a family experience. However, we appreciate that some parents might need support during worship with wiggly little ones. Therefore, we have created a relaxed space in the first-floor library for use during worship. This space is outfitted with toys, crayons/paper, books, puzzles, and more. The worship service is live streamed in the library so you will not miss any part of the service. This space is open to anyone who finds they would be more comfortable using this alternate room.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Today

Monday, February 5

Tuesday, February 6

Wednesday, February 7

Sunday, February 11

6:30-7:45PM - Youth Gathering

Eve - Boy Scouts

5:30-6:30PM - Boy Scouts

6:30PM - BoCE Meeting

6PM - BRC

6:30PM - Handbells

6:45PM - Chancel

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paper Bags for BPNN

Badger Prairie Needs Network is in need of paper bags. Please bring your extras to church and place them in the bin at the back of the fellowship hall. The bags will be taken to BPNN for patrons' use. Thank you!

Giving Envelopes

Giving Envelopes are available on the table behind the pews. A few spare boxes are available to anyone that doesn't have them but would like to take them for 2024.

2023 Giving Statements

Many of you should have received a giving statement for 2023 by e-mail. If we do not have an e-mail on file, you can check the box in the back of the sanctuary for a printed giving statement. If you have not received either and would like one, please contact Frank Westphal.



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