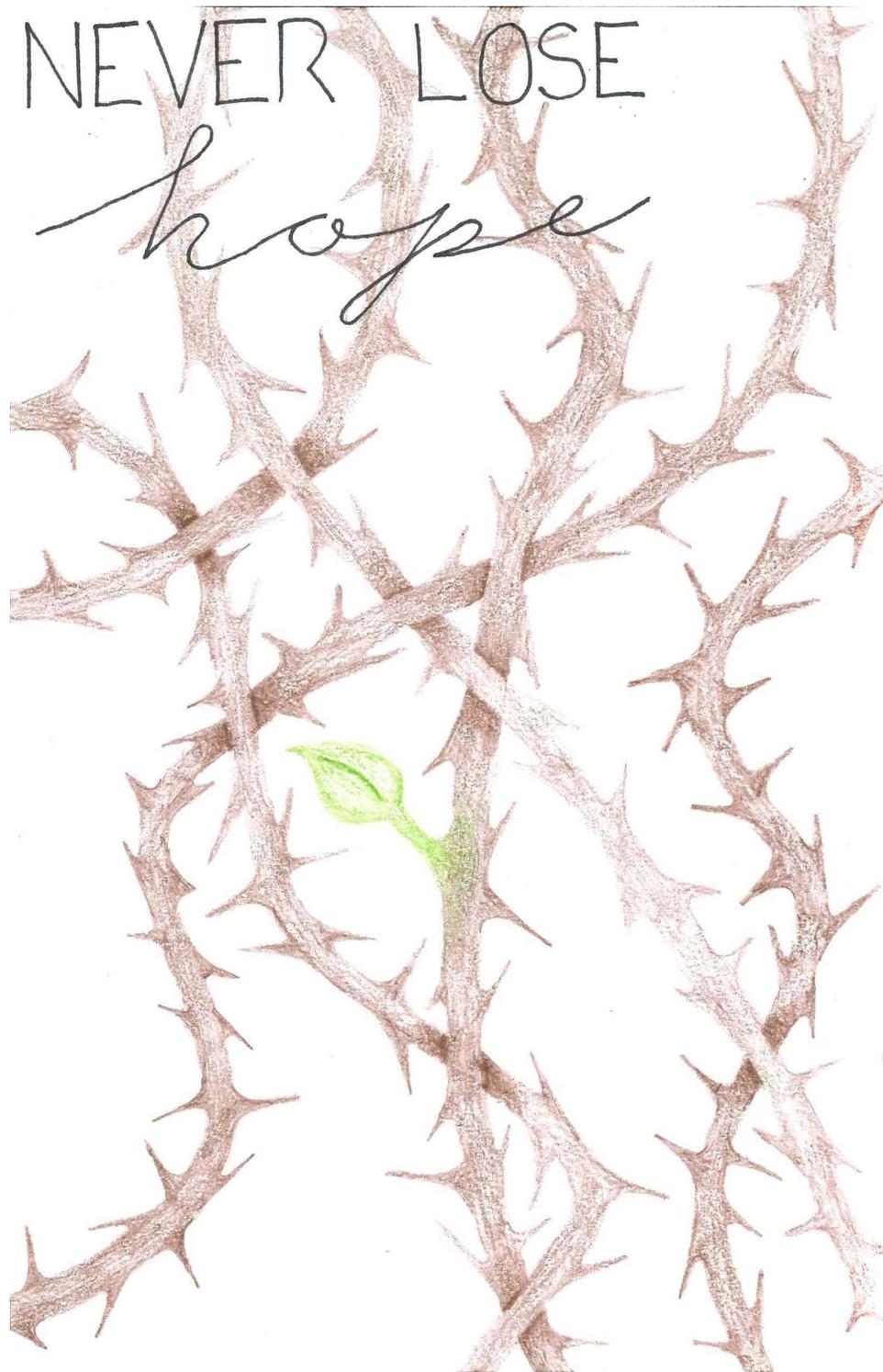


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**SALEM UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST  
*Living Out God's Love*

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 6, 2022

Youth Sunday

Prelude: *Trust in the Lord* [Nik Day]

Welcome Lars Winterle  
Read by: Blake Adams

Children's Activity Blaise Westphal  
Lars Winterle  
Tucker Malueg

\*Call to Worship (Responsively): Kaden Nechvatal  
The earth shakes, the mountains quake—tempting our hearts to fear.  
**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**  
Rivers overflow their banks—too far away to quench the wildfires, yet we remember:  
**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**  
When our children are away from home and out of our sight, we take comfort in knowing:  
**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**  
We have endured the pandemic, quarantine, sickness and death of those we love.  
**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**  
**God, you alone are our refuge; you alone are our strength. We look to you in these times of struggle. We know that you are with us always.**

Violin Solo: *Ode to Joy* Eden Westphal

\*Prayer of Confession (Unison): Payton Corning  
Read by: Blaise Westphal

**Loving and gracious God, hear our prayer.**  
**We know we don't trust in you as much as we should. We know sometimes we lash out – at our family, at our friends, and we even lash out at you when we think you don't hear us. We try to be good Christians, but at times we struggle.**

**Our lives have changed – it is hard to wear masks, it is hard to avoid social gatherings, it is hard to miss out on things we used to enjoy. We confess to you that we need your help. We know there are people all over the world that have more challenges than we do, but our challenges still wear us down.**

**Help us to lean on you, and to lean on each other. Help us to trust in you, and to trust in each other.**

**In your name, we pray. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon Payton Corning  
Read by: Eden Westphal

\*Passing of the Peace: *Lean on Me* [Bill Withers]  
Violin: Eden Westphal  
Tucker Malueg

Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:10-14, 30-31 Eden Westphal

Music Recording: *Rest for Your Soul* [Austin French]  
Are you tired and troubled?  
Weighed down by a heavy load?  
Praying for change, searching for faith  
Waiting on a miracle  
Are you drowning in questions?  
Can't believe where the road has lead  
There's one who knows, the heavy you hold  
And He says

(Refrain)  
"Come to me  
All who are weary and heavy burdened  
All who are hurting  
Come to me  
I'll be your shelter  
My yoke is easy, my load is light  
And you can find rest for your soul  
Rest for your soul"

There's a peace that can hold you  
And a power greater than your own  
When you feel so small, back to the wall  
That's when Jesus calls

(Refrain)

You were never meant to carry that weight alone  
You were never meant to carry it on your own  
Come to the cross, lay it at the feet of Jesus  
Come to the cross, lay it at the feet of Jesus  
There is one who knows, the heavy you hold  
And He says

(Refrain)

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:1-15 Brianna Runnheim

Messages: Eden Westphal  
Chase Runnheim  
Blaise Westphal

Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* 472

Joys & Concerns Katie Banaszak  
Pastoral Prayer Tucker Malueg  
Lord's Prayer Tucker Malueg

**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 forever.**

Moment for Mission Brianna Runnheim

Announcements Blake Adams

Hymn: *Go My Children, With My Blessing* 82

Benediction Kaden Nechvatal

Postlude

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

### **Welcomers**

Katie Banaszak  
Tucker Malueg  
Reid Adams  
Payton Corning

### **Bulletin Cover**

Brianna Runnheim

### **CD Player**

Tucker Malueg

### **Music Committee**

Katie Banaszak  
Eden Westphal

### **Participating Youth**

Blaise Westphal  
Blake Adams  
Brianna Runnheim  
Chase Runnheim  
Eden Westphal  
Kaden Nechvatal  
Katie Banaszak  
Lars Winterle  
Payton Corning  
Reid Adams  
Tucker Malueg

We thank all the youth who have generously shared their time, energy, and inspiration to create this Youth Sunday worship service. May God bless and multiply their gifts for the good of all.

We thank all of the parents and other adult leaders for their support in preparing for this day. With special appreciation we recognize Sarah Pundt, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, for guiding, encouraging, and being a living example of the Youth Sunday theme: "Never lose hope."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### “BE THE CHURCH” LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

If you would still like a printed copy of this year’s Lenten Devotional, you may pick one up from the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

### FROM THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

Hello Salem family!

As you know we have an active Pastoral Search committee working to find the right long-term Pastor for Salem. The first part of this effort is to write a church profile that describes our congregation and community, and we need your help! Between now and Easter (April 17), the Search Committee will offer meetings to make sure that our church profile appropriately captures your inputs regarding where we’ve been, where we are, and where we think God is calling us to be or to go as a congregation.

We are looking to team up with existing groups (e.g. Council, Fellowship, Choirs) to have these conversations, as well as to offer a few sessions on Sunday after church between March 6 – April 10<sup>th</sup>. If you want to participate in these, but would rather do that remotely, please contact Jon Pundt so that we can coordinate a Zoom call and agenda. We want to complete this information gathering phase before Easter.

Zooming out to the big picture, we intend to complete the profile with Council approval by the end of May, and then expect a 3-6 month search and interview process once the position is posted. We understand that this feels like a long time, and we really appreciate your trust in us and our use of the UCC formal process to take the time to do this right.

Thanks so much- and be on the lookout for invitations. We can’t wait to hear from you!

Search Committee

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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Monday, March 7

Eve - Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, March 8

7PM - Council

### Wed., March 9

4:45PM - Confirmation

6PM - BRC

6:30PM - Handbells

6:45PM - Chancel Choir

### Sunday, March 13

9AM - Morning for Mission

10:15AM - Worship

6:30PM - Youth Gathering

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