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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

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 10th. 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!

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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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