



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsive) from the UCC Statement of Faith
The promises to those who trust God include --
Forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
Courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
God's presence in trial and rejoicing,
And eternal life in God's realm which has no end.

A Hymn of Praise: *What a Covenant* 471

An Opening Prayer (unison):
Gracious God, as we continue our Lenten journey, remove from us any hesitation to confess our sins to you. And so we acknowledge before you our sins of thought, word and deed; the wrongs we have committed and the good we have omitted. Trusting in your mercy and ever-present grace, may we open our hearts to the redemptive love you offer, and the new life you secure for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response refrain from 471
**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Children's Message

Handbell Anthem: *He Leadeth Me* [arr. Sandra Eithun]

A reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: Psalm 51:1-4 and 10-17 p. 509

Gospel reading: Luke 19:1-10 p. 958

A Lenten Hymn: *Search Me, O God* insert

Sermon: CHANCES, CHANGES AND CHOICES Larry Balleine

Morning Prayers

Silent Prayer

Pastoral 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.**

Offering

Invitation to Generosity

Sharing of gifts: *Day By Day* [arr. Ann Laura Page]

*Response: *How Can I Say Thanks* 14

*Prayer of Dedication (unison):

**Holy Lord, may these gifts that we bring today be but
one expression of our gratitude for all your blessings. Receive
them and bless them as you both receive and bless us. And
let the offerings of ourselves and these monetary gifts be
transformed into ministries that bring healing and hope to
this world that you have never ceased to love. Amen**

*Hymn: *Dear God, Embracing Humankind (vs. 1-4)* 502

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Dear God, Embracing Humankind (vs. 5)* 502

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.

Search Me, O God

G B D7sus A D7 Am7 D7 G

1 Search me, O God, and know my heart to - day; try me, O
 2 I praise thee, Lord, for cleans - ing me from sin; ful - fill thy
 3 Lord, take my life and make it whol - ly thine; fill my poor

Em A7 G A A7 D G D7 Am D7 F#

Sav - ior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wick - ed
 Word and make me pure with - in. Fill me with fire where once I
 heart with thy great love di - vine. Take all my will, my pas - sion,

Bm D7 G Em Am7 C D7 D9 D7 G

way in me; cleanse me from ev - ery sin and set me free.
 burned with shame; grant my de - sire to mag - ni - fy thy name.
 self, and pride; I now sur - ren - der, Lord - in me a - bide.

WORDS: J. Edwin Orr (1912-1987)
 MUSIC: Edward J. Hopkins (1818-1901)

ELLERS
 10.10.10.10.

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Guest Preacher: Rev. Larry Balleine has filled in at Salem before for at the request of Rev. Mark Yurs. He brings 40 years of experience to the pulpit, the last 18 years as pastor of Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello. Larry is also a published author of a series of Christian novellas and plays. We look forward to welcoming Rev. Balleine and enjoying his preaching.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Today, March 19

5:30-8PM - "Nothing to Hide" Exhibit
 6:30-8PM - "Nothing to Hide" Speaker

Monday, March 20

Eve - Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 22

6-8PM - "Nothing to Hide" Exhibit
 6PM - BRC
 6:30 - Handbells
 6:45PM - Chancel

Thursday, March 23

APRIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE

Sunday, March 26

9AM - Sunday School
 10:15AM - Worship
 2pm - "Nothing to Hide"
 Speaker on Elderly and Mental Health

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE

Lisa Hart will be providing emergency pastoral care during this time of transition. If you have a pastoral care emergency or need a hospital visit, etc, she can be reached at 608-438-1571.

UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY

March 26	Jessica Taft
April 2	Katya Ouchakof
April 9	Lisa Hart
April 16	Kathleen Owens

Speaker Series: *Responding to Mental Illness*

Sunday 3/19 @ 6:30pm

Our speaker series continues with two guests who have close ties to Salem: Conlin Bass and Ellen Warsaw. Conlin grew up at Salem and started the "Bandana Project" while a student at UW Madison. He has prepared a video (he apologizes that he cannot be here in person) that explains the origin and purpose of this project in supporting mental health on college campuses. Ellen is Sarah Pundt's sister and will be with us to share her personal journey living with a mental illness.

One Great Hour of Sharing

This Special offering will continue to be collected throughout the month of March. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery.



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