



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

August 14, 2022

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Responsively):

Friends, let us proclaim our faith and celebrate our joy in the presence of God as we worship.

Today we come together as the Body of Christ in this place to dedicate our commitment to God's vision of wholeness, where no one is enclaved by cruelty or need.

Sisters and brothers, we are frail and human, yet God has invited us to strive for that vision of wholeness: to work so that all people will live in hope and peace.

Let us rejoice and faithfully contemplate the ministries to which God has called us, knowing that, "God is at work in us, both to will and to work for God's good pleasure."

*Hymn: *Be Now My Vision* 451

*Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**Our God, Creator of the World, Head of the Church, Lord of Life:
We yearn to lead lives of faithfulness;
yet our way of faith often feels too safe, too empty.
We praise You with words and songs which are sincere
but sometimes ring hollow of commitment.
We are too easily satisfied in allowing our offerings of ourselves
and our resources to merely maintain the structure of a church,
without risking new ministry.
We encounter Your Word as "Holy" and far away,
rather than as relevant to each day and close at hand.
You have given Yourself totally to us that we might live.
Now help us to have the courage to give ourselves totally to You,
that we might accept life. Amen.**

*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

reflecting Isaiah 5, Psalm 80, Hebrews 11

Be assured that God's love is sufficient.
In the warmth of the sun, the fertility of the soil,
and the refreshment of life-giving water,
we have been given all that we need.

**God hears our cries, and comes to save us.
Through Christ we may lay aside our sins;
through Christ, we know we are safe.**

Reading from the New Testament: Hebrews 12: 1-2, 12-17 p. 1099

Reading from the Gospels: Luke 12: 49-53 p. 952

Communion Meditation: "Simple Symbols – Timeless Truths"
Dr. Robinson

Offering

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

The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(... 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.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Wine: *The elements will be served to you in the pews.*

The bread is gluten-free, nut-free and casein-free. The inner rows of cups contain grape juice, while the outer row contains wine.

Prayer after Communion (Responsively):

O Lord, our Creator, and Giver of all the good in life,
by your holy prophets you taught your ancient people
to seek the welfare of those who lived in their cities,
their neighborhoods, their nation,
and by the words and example of our Lord Jesus
we recognize our calling to an active compassion.

**As we share this Table today, a table that represents the
welcome and welfare of all of your children,
we commend to you now the extended neighborhood
of all in our community, our state and region,
our nation and world, who need compassion and care.**

Going forth into your future for us,

focus our eyes upon your purposes and your ways.

**And help us to build a community of justice and peace,
even as we upbuild the environments in which people live
and seek hope.**

In Christ, our Lord and Example for living, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn: *What a Covenant* 471

Benediction

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education News

Sign up to teach or assist in a Sunday school classroom or the church nursery. No experience necessary and training is provided. We need you! If we want to offer Sunday school every week, we need more teachers than we currently have.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, August 14 9AM - Worship
Sunday, August 21 9AM - Worship
6:30PM - Youth Mini Golf

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