



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 13, 2022

Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship (Responsively):

Our help is in the strength of God, who created all that is.

Who are we, that God remembers us?

Our blessings come from God, giver of all good gifts.

Who are we, to be graced by God's bounty.

Our salvation comes from God, light in our darkness.

Who are we, to be redeemed by God's love?

Our calling as servants and friends comes from God, whose image we reflect.

Who are we, that God's Spirit shines out from us?

We are the community of faith and faithfulness!

All praise to the living God!

*Hymn: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (vs 1, 4, 5) 436

*Prayer of Confession (Responsively):

Throughout history, we human beings have sought to be totally self-reliant, insulated from the realities of life, sometimes even locked away in towers of isolation and insulation from the community that can both nurture us and challenge us. Yet, to be open to God, we need to be open to God's family around us, others with whom we share God's good creation. And so we pray together ...

God of grace and God of glory,

We live in difficult times.

We confess that we do not ask for the help of others – to pray for us.

We do not seek the wisdom of others – to advise us.

Even more hurtful to ourselves, we do not seek your power – to uphold us.

In your great mercy and understanding, forgive us.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

For the living of these days.

Silent and Personal Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

Jesus has said to us, "You are the light of the world. You are the salt of the earth."

Through faith, we hope to be so filled with the light of God's love that it radiates outward to all.

Through hope, we love as Christ loves us, adding spice to daily life, that many will come to the feast of our God.

Through love, we accept the power of God, to find in community that which we cannot provide for ourselves – the life of faith to which we are called.

Texts: I Corinthians Chapters 1-3 (selected verses)

Communion Meditation: "In the One Spirit – The Corinthian Church"

Dr. Robinson

BRC Anthem: *Thy Word* [Michael W. Smith/Schrader]

The Service of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Responsively):

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift us your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Concludes with The Lord's Prayer in 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.

Words of Institution

The Act of Communing: *The bread is gluten-free, nut-free and casein-free.*

All cups contain grape juice.

Prayer after Communion (Unison)

Lord God, as Pilgrims, we continue now to journey through this season of Lent, towards You who call us each by a new name. As Disciples, we will walk with Jesus wherever he leads us, pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us. As Believers, we will seek to trust You, our God who always surprises us, whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus. Amen

*Hymn:

Be Now My Vision (vs 1, 3, 4)

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Benediction

Postlude

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

The Mission Committee, the BoCE, and two of our Confirmands (Brianna Runnheim and Blake Adams) are sponsoring our church wide Lenten Mission project to benefit FB4KMadison (Free Bikes for Kids Madison). Last fall, the Salem Youth collected 67 bikes from the local community for the benefit of FB4KMadison. It costs about \$100 per bike to get it into the hands of a new owner. This cost covers the bike helmet, lock, and any maintenance/repairs.

How to help:

- Donate a new bicycle helmet
- Donate a bike lock (a lock with a combination and not one with a lock/key)
- Donate funds to support the mission of FB4KMadison. Checks payable to FB4KMadison.
- Donate your time: visit the FB4Kids website to volunteer (fb4kmadison.org). They have different tasks, and most do not require any experience. Some experience required for bicycle repair positions.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, March 13	6:30PM - Youth Gathering
Monday, March 14	Eve - Boy Scouts
Wed., March 16	4:45PM - Confirmation
	6PM - BRC
	6:30PM - Handbells
	6:45PM - Chancel Choir
Sunday, March 20	9AM - Sunday School
	10:15AM - Worship

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