



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

February 5, 2023

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (responsively): from the UCC Statement of Faith
God calls us into the church...

To accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

To be God's servants in the service of others,

To proclaim the gospel to all the world,

To resist the powers of evil,

To share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,

And to him in his passion and victory.

*A Hymn of Praise: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 43

Invocation (unison):

**Reveal, O lord, to our eyes your glory. Expose, O Lord, to our hearts
you love. Disperse, O Lord, from our minds any darkness. Fill, O
Lord, our lives with your light. And open our eyes, our hearts, our
minds, our wills an our souls to the blowing of your Spirit.**

Sung Response: *Spirit of the Living God* 283

The Hebrew Scriptures: Jeremiah 31:31-34 p. 721

Anthem: *Jesus, Messiah* [arr. by Lloyd Larson]

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:13-20 p. 882

Hymn: *Lord, I Want To Be a Christian* 454

Sermon: A HIGHER STANDARD Rev. Larry Balleine

Morning Prayers
Silent Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
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.**

Offering

Offertory and sharing of gifts

*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 (unison):

**O Holy God, may what we give reflect our gratitude for all
you have given. Blessed by You, may these offerings be
translated into ministries that bring grace, hope and healing
to people and places both far and near. Amen.**

Hymn of Dedication: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (v 1-4) 436

Benediction

Response: *God of Grace and God of Glory* (v 5)

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;

Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,

Serving You whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

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.

Guest Preacher

Leading for the first, third and fourth Sunday's in February, Rev. Larry Balleine will be joining us again. Larry 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE

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

RECYCLE THE WARMTH

Each year families in Dane County turn to St Vincent de Paul for bedding and blankets to keep their children warm and to sleep comfortably. Last year the community donated over 3000 blankets. You can help our neighbors in need by donating new or gently used blankets and bedding to the bin in the fellowship hall.

Purchasing new blankets at the St Vincent de Paul thrift store on Verona Ave or purchase blankets online at svdpmadison.org/event/rtw/

OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Weekly offering envelopes are available on the table behind the pews for those who have requested them. There are some extra boxes that are blank.

UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY

February 12	Lisa Hart
February 19	Larry Balleine
February 26	Larry Balleine

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Today	6:30PM - Youth Sunday Planning
Monday, January 6	Eve - Boy Scouts
Tuesday, February 7	6PM - BoCE
Wednesday, February 8	6PM - BRC
	6:30PM - Handbells
	6:45PM - Chancel Choir
Thursday, February 9	7PM - Weekly Worship Workshop
Sunday, February 12	9AM - Sunday School
	10:15AM - Worship

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