



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship (Responsively):

Come! Join the fellowship of God's people—
people who gather as faithful disciples of Christ.

**We seek the One who frees us
from uncertainty and doubt.**

Come! Join the welcome of God's people—
people who meet together for justice and peace.

**We seek the One who is trustworthy,
the One who gives us what is good.**

Come! Join the celebration of God's people—
people of the One who was, and is, and shall ever be.

**We raise our voices in praise and honor to God,
and worship the One who is faithful.**

*Hymn: *We Praise You, O God* 420

*Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

**Lord, it has been a difficult week. Things have happened for which
we were not prepared.**

**We have not responded to difficulties with love, but rather with
impatience.**

**We have turned our backs on others in need, placing our creature
comforts first.**

We have been stressed, pulled, pushed, tossed.

Give us peace, Gracious Lord.

**Help us to slow down so that we can receive your healing word of
love.**

**Remind us that we stand in need of forgiveness, and then having
received such love, we are to love and serve others.**

**Teach us to pray for courage and strength; teach us how to be good
disciples for you.**

In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

Even when things seem dark, God is with us.

**God's love is powerful enough to overcome any darkness that
we encounter.**

**Let us remember how much love has been given for us, and
let us rejoice!**

Reading from the Epistles: Colossians 2: 16-19 p. 1075

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

Reading from the Gospels: Luke 11: 1-13 p. 949

Sermon: "God's Substitute for substitute gods" 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

*Hymn: *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And its righteousness,

And all these things

shall be added unto you,

Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.

Seek and you shall find.

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you

Allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,

But by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of God

Allelu, alleluia.

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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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, July 24 9AM - Worship
Sunday, July 31 9AM - Worship

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