



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 5, 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

*Call to Worship (responsive): Inspired by Psalm 107:1-7, 33-377

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

Many: We've been gathered from all directions and in all spaces to declare the greatness of God.

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

Many: We have been redeemed by the abiding love of our Creator.

One: Give thanks for the enduring love of the Holy One!

Many: Let the redeemed proclaim God's wondrous works. Great is the Holy One and greatly to be praised!

*Opening Hymn: *Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling* (v. 1-4) 67

Welcome

Call to Prayer

Prayer for Transformation and New Life (unison):

Exalted God, we struggle to trust you in all aspects of our lives, and we seek validation from temporal and inadequate sources. We confess that we base our identity on human structures, plans, and schemes. We fail to be satisfied with the gifts and purpose you have given to us. We do not appreciate the ways in which we are uniquely and wonderfully made. Deliver us from the tyranny of comparison and renew a right spirit of humility and peace within us, we pray. Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Time with the Children

The Church at Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Silent 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.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 p. 1124

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 p. 882

Sermon: *Stewardship: A Church of Saints and Struggles*

*Hymn: *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* 295

Offering

Call to Offering

Offertory

Doxology

*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 and Thanksgiving (unison)

Generous God, thank you for the gifts you give and the privilege and honor of bringing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure into your kingdom. Receive our humble offerings and magnify them to meet the needs of the community. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn: *Lead On Eternal Sovereign* 573

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
LARGE PRINT bulletins and hymns are available.

Portions of today's liturgy were adapted from *Greatness: Service Prayers* for the Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, written by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

Library Flex Space During Worship

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary and Sunday morning worship is intended to be a family experience. However, we appreciate that some parents might need support during worship with wiggly little ones. Therefore, we have created a relaxed space in the first-floor library for use during worship. This space is outfitted with toys, crayons/paper, books, puzzles, and more. The worship service is live streamed in the library so you will not miss any part of the service. This space is open to anyone who finds they would be more comfortable using this alternate room.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Today

Monday, Nov 6

Tuesday, November 7

Wednesday, Nov 8

3:30PM - BRC Anniversary Concert

Eve - Boy Scouts

5:30-6:30PM - Cub Scouts

6PM - BRC

6:30PM - Handbells

6:45PM - Chancel

Sunday, November 12

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

Potluck and Annual Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Guild Bazaar

Mark your calendars! The women's Guild Christmas Bazaar and Raffle will be held on December 2nd 2023 from 11:00am to 1:00pm. We will be serving the meal of Barbecue sandwiches, salads and pies. That will probably stay at \$7.00 per person although we will make that determination at our business meeting on Thursday November 2nd. Our big prize will be a beautiful quilt made by the Salem quilters. Please have donated prizes for the raffle to Cindy Remus by November 30th. Raffle tickets will go on sale soon.

An Afternoon with the BRC

Come back this afternoon at 3:30pm to hear the Barry Robinson Chorus as we celebrate our 20th anniversary in a concert of our favorites through the years. Director Tyme Baez and accompanist Julie Sundby will bring the men in black to your ears in the Salem sanctuary. See you there!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Potluck and Congregational Meeting will follow worship on Sunday, November 12. Please bring a dish to pass.



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