



**SALEM UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST  
*Living Out God's Love*

An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 8, 2023

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsively):

One: Serve God with gladness! Come before God's presence with singing!

**Many: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!**

One: Give thanks to God, and bless God's name!

**Many: For the Holy One is good; God's steadfast love endures for ever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

BRC Introit: *To You, O Lord*

Welcome

\*Hymn of Praise: *Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult* 172

**Celebration of the Dedication of Machai Bahr**

Invitation and Welcome

Address

Questions of the Parents

Congregational Support

Affirmation of Faith

One: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you believe in God?

**Many: I believe in God.**

One: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**Many: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

One: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**Many: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

Prayer of Dedication

Act of Praise

Prayer for the One Dedicated

One: Let us pray for the one dedicated today. Gracious God, you have filled the world with joy by giving us the gift of Jesus. Bless this newly dedicated person. May he be filled with joy; may he never be ashamed to confess a personal faith in you.

**Many: Bless the parents and family of this child. May they always show their gratitude for the life you have given by loving and caring for Machai.**

One: Bless these your faithful people. Unite them in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit.

**Many: Amen.**

Benediction

One: Go in the peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

\*Passing the Peace

\*Song of Regathering: *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (vs 3 & 4)* 325

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure,  
God's you are; from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you:  
live as one who bears Christ's name.**

**Child of God, your loving Parent,  
learn to know whose child you are.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
trust and love God more than all.**

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.**

BRC Anthem:

*It is Well*

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-20  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46  
Sermon: *The Gift of Otherwise* Rev. Phil Hobson

Offering  
Call to 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.**

Opportunities to Serve

\*Closing Hymn: *O Day of God Draw Near* 611

Benediction

BRC Benediction Response: *May The Road Rise to Meet You*

Postlude

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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.

### 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.

## STAFF and SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

### Pastor

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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Monday, October 9

Eve - Boy Scouts

### Tuesday, October 10

5:30-6:30PM - Cub Scouts

6PM - Finance

7PM - Council

### Wednesday, October 11

6PM - BRC

6:30PM - Handbells

6:45PM - Chancel

### Thursday, October 12

7PM - Live Nativity Planning Meeting

### Saturday, October 14

11AM - Memorial Service for Rhoda Gust

### Sunday, October 15

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

1PM - CROP Walk (First Cong UCC, Madison)



### GIVE ONLINE!

Scan this QR code or use the following web address:

<https://salemchurch.breezechms.com/give/online>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CROP Walk**

Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 PM  
First Congregational UCC  
1609 University Ave, Madison

### **Help Salem Youth meet their goal of 20 walkers and \$1700 raised!**

To join our walking team or donate online to our efforts visit:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/salem-ucc-youth-and-congregation-2>

Checks payable to *CROP Walk* (Salem UCC in the memo) and deliver to Sarah Pundt.

### **Live Nativity Planning Meeting**

October 12 @ 7pm, First Floor Conference Room

Everyone is invited to help plan this special community event. We have tasks and roles for all interest areas and abilities. Come share your creative ideas to make this event a great success!

***We are still looking for animals for this event. Please contact Sarah Pundt if you have any leads.***

### **Website Help**

Jon Pundt is looking for volunteers to help update and maintain the website. No experience necessary, and it's actually easier than you might think! If you are interested, drop an email to [jonpundt@gmail.com](mailto:jonpundt@gmail.com) and we'll set up a quick training session.

### **A Conversation About Faith & Domestic Violence October 18, 6:30-8pm, Salem UCC**

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS), in collaboration with local faith leaders, will be holding a workshop that provides tools and knowledge to help fellow parishioners and friends in need.

We will discuss what domestic violence looks like, how to help create a safety plan, and resource access. Throughout the workshop DAIS will answer questions and discuss scenarios for the faith community to work through.

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## **Badger Prairie Needs Network Thanksgiving Meals**

It is again time for the community of Verona to join together to help provide Thanksgiving meals for our neighbors in need throughout Dane County. Many of the families who are clients at BPNN don't eat the traditional Thanksgiving foods. To avoid food waste, rather than offer pre-assembled baskets, families are allowed to shop for the items their families will eat on Thanksgiving. If you would like to sponsor a household for Thanksgiving, please contribute \$65.

**Checks should be made out to Salem. Please note that the check is for Thanksgiving meals.**

If you would prefer to donate goods, these are the items in need for Thanksgiving meals and throughout the year. Cases of the items would be greatly appreciated.

White Rice	Canned Mandarin Orange
Canned Corn	Canned Pineapple
Canned Green Beans	Flour

Food Donations can be placed in the bin in the fellowship hall.

**All donations (monetary and food) need to be to Salem by Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for your help in making a Thanksgiving meal possible for our neighbors!