



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

An Open and Affirming Congregation

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship Based on Psalm 27  
 Let us worship God, our strength and our salvation.  
**We come to worship in the protective shelter of God's love.**  
 We lift up our voices in shouts of joy;  
**Singing songs of praise as we seek to behold the beauty of  
 God and dwell in God's house all the days of our lives.**

\*Hymn: *Praise to the Living God* 8

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison):  
**Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in  
 our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and  
 quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us  
 from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from  
 our brothers and sisters.**  
**Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive  
 ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with  
 you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Children's Moment

Hymn: *Jesus Loves Me* 327

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer:  
 As we share prayer requests and pray for the needs of the world, we will  
 respond to "God of Light" with "**Hear our 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.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4: 12-23 Common English Bible

Sermon "Making the Choice to Follow Jesus" Lisa Hart

Offering  
 Invitation to the 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 (unison):  
**God of our salvation,  
 receive these gifts we offer  
 and bless them for the work of your kingdom,  
 through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Hymn: *Jesus Call Us, o'er the Tumult* 172

\*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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**Guest Preacher:** *Lisa Hart, a commissioned minister in the United Church of Christ, serves as the Associate Conference Minister for Faith Formation and Justice Ministries for the Wisconsin Conference UCC. She also holds a Master of Arts in Counseling from Lakeland University. Her ministry focuses on faith formation for all ages and a wide variety of justice issues...racial, immigration, environmental, domestic and sexual violence, LGBTQ+, and mental health. Lisa is passionate about helping people connect issues of justice with living out their faith.*

### 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.

**Rev. Kristin Gorton**, pastor at Fitchburg Memorial UCC, will be providing coverage for Salem's emergency pastoral care needs from January 26-31 while Lisa is away (She will be back in town before noon on January 31).

Kristin can be reached via email at: [pastorkris@memorialucc.org](mailto:pastorkris@memorialucc.org) or on her cell phone at: 608-438-6307.

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### THIS WEEK AT SALEM

**Monday, January 23**

**Tuesday, January 24**

**Wednesday, January 25**

**Saturday, January 28**

**Sunday, January 29**

Eve - Boy Scouts

7PM - Congregational Care Workshop

6PM - BRC

6:30PM - Handbells

6:45PM - Chancel Choir

10AM-12PM - Coffee and Snacks/Open House

5-7PM - All Church Potluck

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship (Pastoral Candidate)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CONGREGATIONAL CARE WORKSHOP | JANUARY 24, 7PM

This class will be led by Lisa Hart and Sarah Pundt. Pastors generally assist with any emergency pastoral care needs that arise, but there are many ways we can provide care for each other. This workshop will explore the nuts and bolts of supporting each other through any care needs (physical, spiritual, emotional).

#### “CANDIDATING WEEKEND”

##### Saturday January 28th

- 10AM - 12PM: Coffee and snacks/open house at Salem
- 5 - 7 PM: All-church Potluck in Fellowship Hall. Children, youth, and adults are encouraged to participate in this opportunity to become acquainted with this candidate and his family.

##### Sunday January 29th

- 9 AM Sunday School followed by 10:15 Worship
- (Immediately after service) Congregational Meeting in the pews

#### 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/](http://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.

#### WOMEN'S GUILD SPECIAL MEETING

Salem Women's Guild is calling a special meeting on Thursday, February 2 at 1:30 p.m. to choose and vote on the dispersment of funds for the year 2023. The next regular meeting of the Guild will be held on Thursday, April 6 to discuss plans for a Salad Luncheon or whether we might want to do something different. All are welcome to attend these meetings!

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