



INVEST

In the New Thing

God is saying to us:
“Watch for the New Thing I am going to do.
It’s happening already – you can see it now!”
[Isaiah 43:19 Today’s English Version]



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 6, 2022

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

“Invest in the New Thing” Dedication Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Responsively):

This is the day the Lord has made:

a day for praise and prayer; a day for gratitude and generosity.

This is the time God has given us:

a time for singing and silence; a time for speaking and listening.

This is the life to which God calls us:

**a life of humility and service; a life of faith and trust.
We worship the God of all of our days, the God in whose presence we gather, them God in whose love we live.**

Hymn: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

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Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we that might be reformed, but we are intent instead on changing others. Your words are offered to us so that we might be transformed, but we focus on conforming to our culture. Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.

Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins, but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy. Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering your grace and life to us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy.

Hear and receive the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made whole.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of Worship and Praise: Psalm 100 (Inclusive Language Psalter)

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come into the divine presence with a song.

**Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God;
the One made us and to whom we belong;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;
go into these courts with praise;
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

**For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age**

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.

The Gospel: Luke 5: 17-26

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Sermon "A New Thing: Conversations Within God"

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.**

Dedication of Offerings

Hymn: *Great is Your Faithfulness*

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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

Today

6:30PM - Youth Gathering

Monday, November 7

Eve - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 8

6pm - Finance

7pm - Council

Wednesday, November 9

6PM - BRC

6:30PM - Bells

6:45PM - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 10

7PM - "Nothing to Hide" Planning Meeting

Sunday, October 13

Annual Meeting Sunday

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

Potluck and Annual Meeting Following Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK

Next Sunday following worship we will enjoy a Potluck with our Annual Meeting immediately following. Please bring a dish to share.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

FB4K Bike Collection Event @ Salem 11/19 @10am-2pm

After the success of our October bike collection event, FB4K asked if we could host their November collection event. It's an honor to continue serving as a community partner for this organization. Several youth will be away at a WI Conference Youth retreat and are not available to staff the collection station. Please consider volunteering during some or all of the event. Please contact Sarah Pundt for more information or to volunteer.

"NOTHING TO HIDE" PHOTO EXHIBIT

Please join us for a planning meeting for Salem to host the "Nothing to Hide" photo exhibit about mental health awareness. We will meet on Thursday Nov. 10 @ 7pm at Salem. Please contact Sarah Pundt for more information or if you would like to help with this project but are unable to attend the planning meeting.

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