



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

August 7, 2022

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Responsively): reflecting Psalm 50

Come, listen to the One

**who speaks and summons the earth,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

Come, see the One

who shines forth in the perfection of beauty.

Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One

who shows the salvation of God.

*Hymn: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* (v. 1, 2, and 3) 300

*Prayer of Confession (Responsively):

Surprising God of mercy and love, thank you for calling to us this day.

**We praise you that you challenge us to show our faith in
ministries of peace and justice, offering compassion to all in
need.**

Open our hearts and minds today to hear your words of
encouragement and challenge.

We offer this prayer in Jesus' Name:

**Forgiving God, you know how easy it is for us to celebrate
with joy the wonders of your love. We create wonderful art to
represent the joy we feel. Our music soars to the heavens in
praise of you.**

Yet how often we have left our service to you as mere thoughts and
intentions without fulfillment. You ask us to be ready to serve you at
any time, but we place our commitment on the "to do" list of life; we
will do these things when we get to them.

**Forgive our hesitancy and our self-serving ways, O Lord. Heal
us of the disease of seeking first our own comfort before we
engage in acts of justice and mercy. Open our eyes and ears
to the cries of those in need.**

Help us to give and also to receive ministries of love and reconciliation
as we serve you with our whole hearts.

**Then our music, our art, our worship will truly reflect your
awesome and abundant love for us.**

*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom.

It is our joy to serve God by helping each other and all those in need.

**We are assured of God's tender mercy toward us and we
continue that love in all that we do. Amen.**

Reading from the New Testament: Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16 p. 1098

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 12: 32-40 p. 951

Sermon "People, Get Ready" 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: *Jesus Calls Us* 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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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, July 7	9AM - Worship
Tuesday, July 9	6PM - Finance 7PM - Council
Sunday, August 14	9AM - Worship

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