



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

October 9, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Responsively):

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

With shouts of joy we celebrate the good news of God's love.

Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

God has poured such wonder into our lives!

Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

Amen.

*Hymn: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit* 293

*Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Patient Lord, you know how easy it is for us to whine and complain bitterly about all those things in our lives that are difficult. We focus on them as though they were the only things that ever happened to us, forgetting the many blessings that you have given to us and the opportunities you give us to serve you.

We feel alienated - you call us beloved.

We feel lost - you seek us.

We feel broken and battered - your love is a healing balm.

Forgive us when we forget those things. Help us to always look to you for our healing and to return thanks to you by praise and by serving others in your name. For we offer this prayer of confession of our failures and gratitude for your blessings. Amen.

*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

We turn again to the Lord,

for we are beloved of God.

We have been blessed with the love of God,

and with the ministry of sharing the news of God's grace.

We rejoice in God's love for us and all Creation. Amen.

Epistle Lesson: II Timothy 2:8-15

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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.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 17:1L-19

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Sermon "Please DON'T Remain Seated!" 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: *Marching in the Light of God* 526

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH NURSERY NEWS

We are working toward returning to regular nursery care during the worship hour. Currently, we are relying on volunteers from the congregation until we are able to hire new staff. The shortage of workers in the childcare field is proving to be an obstacle. Per our Safe Church guidelines we need to have two non-related people serving as caregivers. One of those two individuals needs to be over 18. The nursery will be open for children when it is fully staffed. Please view the schedule below for days the nursery will be open during worship. If we are able to recruit more volunteers for the other Sundays, we could move toward a more reliable schedule for nursery care. Please contact Sarah Pundt to volunteer or if you know someone who would like to apply for our nursery caregiver position(s). **We are currently in need of an adult caregiver on November 6 and we need an assistant (which could be an adult or teen) on October 23, November 6, 13, 20 and 27th.**

CROP WALK - October 16, 2022 @ 1pm.

The Salem Youth are once again sponsoring a CROP walk team and they invite the Salem congregation to join them. Please visit the team page to join the group or make a donation:
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/salem-ucc-youth-and-congregation-2>

CHANCEL COMMITTEE HELP

The chancel committee is looking for a few more members to help prepare communion. Duties would include setting up communion 1 or 2 times per year and washing the communion trays and glasses following worship (half hour). If you are interested let Harlan Hall or the church office know.

LIVE STREAM HELP

Kevin Booth is looking for some volunteers interesting in helping with live-streaming our Sunday services. If you are interested, let Kevin or the church office know.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, October 10

Eve - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 11

6PM - Finance

7PM - Council

Wednesday, October 12

6PM - BRC

6:45PM - Chancel Choir

6:30 - Handbells

Thursday, October 13

7:15-8:45PM - Girl Scouts

Sunday, October 16

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

1PM - CROP Walk

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