



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

An Open and Affirming Congregation

September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship (Responsively):

Now is the hour! Now is the moment!

Let us lift up our hearts in thanks and praise,

**For you have called us into your house to worship your name.  
Yes, now is the time!**

As the disciples of old cast aside their nets,

So, in this hour, we shed our worldly cares,

And celebrate life anew, because now is the time!

**As disciples who carry the words of life from Christ, in this  
infinite moment,**

**We respond, saying, "Yes", to the challenge of faith.**

**And we gather to celebrate the gifts we've been given.**

**Yes, now is the time! Let us worship our God!**

\*Hymn: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* 400

\*Prayer of Confession (Responsively):

God of all thoughts and actions, we know that we are selfish in the  
conduct of our daily lives.

**How very often we fail to bring forward our best efforts,  
our deepest dedication to those challenges that call out for  
our ministry and care.**

**How often we become satisfied with religious ways that stop  
short of spiritual transformation,  
satisfied with giving of ourselves that is measured and minimal.**

Help us take our covenant with you seriously, O God. It is the  
covenant that became a Living Word in Jesus Christ, and that Word is  
now entrusted to us.

**Give us wills that stand up to the mountainous task,  
and hearts that embrace those who are ignored and avoided  
by the world. Amen.**

\*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

In freedom, Christ has us free!

**Free to give as well as to receive; Free to fail as well as to  
succeed;**

**Free to serve as well as to be served.**

As bearers of the message of new life in Christ,

**We are heirs to the promise. We live in the hope of God's  
continued care!**

S.A.L.T. Trip Testimonials

Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine* (v.1) 525

Eden Westphal

Blaise Westphal

Kelli Malueg

Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine* (v.2) 525

Prayers of the People and **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 Epistles: I Timothy 6: 6-12, 17-19 p. 1085

Reading from the Gospels: Luke 16: 19-31 p. 956

Sermon: "Life that is Life Indeed!" 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: *Let Justice Flow Like Streams* 588

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.

## STAFF and SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

### Interim Minister

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### Director of Music

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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### Today

**Monday, September 26**

**Wednesday, September 28**

### Sunday, October 2

6:30PM - Youth Kickoff Meeting

Eve - Boy Scouts

6PM - BRC

6:45PM - Chancel Choir

6:30-7:15PM - Family Story Time

### World Communion Sunday

October Newsletter Articles Due

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

1-2:30PM - **Neighbor Fest** in Sugar River  
parking lot

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### “WE’RE GLAD YOU’RE HERE” OUTREACH PROJECT

In response to the explosion of growth in Verona Salem is partnering with Sugar River Methodist Church in an effort to connect with our new neighbors. We hope to greet each new resident to area apartments with a heartfelt invitation to visit Salem and/or Sugar River and with a welcome bag of goodies to let them know that we’re glad they are here.

Reusable shopping bags imprinted with the churches’ logos have been ordered. Can you help supply the following for assembly after the **October 2** church service? Collection bins are at the back of the church. Monetary donations also gladly accepted! Aiming for 20 completed bags!

- Box of tissues,
- 4pk of toilet paper
- roll of paper towels
- 6-10 oz bag of popcorn or pretzels

**Celebrate the kickoff of this project with Neighbor Fest in the Sugar River parking lot on Sunday, Oct 2, 1 - 2:30pm**

**Grab your Salem T-shirt and invite your friends to come for food, music, games!**

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### 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.

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This is the remaining balance on our building loan. The Salem Church Council is challenging the congregation to bring this number down to ZERO by the end of this year. Great work everyone!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FB4K BIKE DONATIONS ACCEPTED

For the second year, Salem will serve as a collection location for donations of used bikes for Free Bikes 4 Kidz Madison. Drop off will be on Saturday, October 8 from 10am-2pm. Bike should be in gently used or repairable condition.

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### MEALS FOR MADISON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Every Friday for many years St. Marks Lutheran Church in Madison has provided a free noon meal for the community. In the past Salem UCC participated as a volunteer organization to help staff this meal once per month. The job involves preparing, serving and cleaning up for their Friday noon meal. We need 4 to 5 volunteers who can help at St. Marks from approximately 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on the chosen Friday. We are currently exploring whether or not we can commit to supplying volunteers one Friday a month. We would need a group of 10 or 15 people who might be interested in periodically going to St. Marks to help out. Here is a link with more information <http://www.stmarksmadison.org/friday-meal.aspx>

If you are interested in being a part of this volunteer opportunity please contact John Cashman at [jchange@tds.net](mailto:jchange@tds.net) or 608-720-0719. We are exploring our ability to commit to providing volunteers the first Friday of every month.

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### 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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