



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 29, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsively): Inspired by Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

One: The Holy One has been our hope and our home.

Many: God has been with us from generation to generation.

One: We flourish and fade, bloom and renew in God's time.

Many: Our lives are temporal and precious and glorious.

One: May the compassion and favor of the Holy One be with us.

Many: May we be glad and prosperous in our work for our God!

Bell Introit: *Bell Peal* [arr. Larry Sue]

Welcome

Invocation (unison):

Righteous God, your law is love. Your message is love. Your presence is love. May Love fill our atmosphere and our interactions as we gather together in your name. May Love transform us, renew us, and revive us. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* 25

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison):

Loving God, forgive us for the paths we seek that steer us away from you. We confess that we have embraced animosity over understanding, self-righteousness over grace, hopelessness over empowered action. Demonstrate the power of love to us anew. Help us to be loving agents of your kingdom for your glory and the restoration of the world. Amen.

Silence in the Presence of God

Prayer for Grace

One: Blessed One, Holy Authority, Never-ending Love,

All: Let your love be known in us.

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

*Song of Regathering: *Glory, Glory Hallelujah* 2

**Glory, glory hallelujah,
since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory hallelujah!
since I laid my burdens down.**

**I feel better, so much better,
since I laid my burdens down.
I feel better, so much better,
since I laid my burdens down.**

The Church at Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (unison):

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.

Bell Anthem: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* [Anna Laura Page]

Scripture Reading: Psalm 1 p. 479

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46 p. 902

Sermon: Back to Basics Rev. Phil Hobson

Offering

Call to 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.**

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn: *Lord, I Want To Be a Christian* 454

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Dona Nobis Pacem* [arr. Larry Sue]

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
LARGE PRINT bulletins and hymns are available.

Much of the liturgy comes from *Love: Service Prayers for the Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost* were written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

Library Flex Space During Worship

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary and Sunday morning worship is intended to be a family experience. However, we appreciate that some parents might need support during worship with wiggly little ones. Therefore, we have created a relaxed space in the first-floor library for use during worship. This space is outfitted with toys, crayons/paper, books, puzzles, and more. The worship service is live streamed in the library so you will not miss any part of the service. This space is open to anyone who finds they would be more comfortable using this alternate room.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, October 30

Eve - Boy Scouts

Wednesday, Nov 1

5:45PM - BRC

6:30PM - Handbells

6:45PM - Chancel

Thursday, November 2

1:30PM - Women's Guild Meeting

Friday, November 3

Serve at Meals for Madison

Sunday, November 5

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

3:30PM - BRC Concert



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving Meals

The grocery bags on the altar represent the 16 households that will be enjoying a Thanksgiving meal thanks to the generosity of Salem's members. A donation of \$65 sponsors a household but donations of any amount are appreciated. Today is the last day to donate through Salem. After today donations can be sent directly to Badger Prairie Needs Network, 1200 E. Verona Road, Verona WI 53593. Providing healthy and hearty Thanksgiving meals for local families is another way that Salem members are "Living out God's Love".

Women's Guild November Meeting

The next meeting of the Salem Women's Guild will be Thursday, November 2, at 1:30 p.m. This will be a planning meeting to prepare for the Christmas Bazaar and Raffle, which is held each year on the first Saturday of December. Tickets will go on sale soon! As the Guild transitions to committee status under the Salem UCC umbrella, please know that ALL ARE WELCOME to attend this meeting including any gentlemen who like to help with this event. It takes lots of participants to make this event successful. So whether you like to bake, be a server, help with set-up/clean-up, sell or buy tickets, donate prizes, or even WIN PRIZES, this event is for you!

Mark the date – Saturday, December 2, 2023 for the Christmas Bazaar & Raffle!

Time: Luncheon at 11am-1pm, drawing for Bazaar prizes begins at noon.



Save the Date: An Afternoon with the BRC

Please join the Barry Robinson Chorus as we celebrate our 20th anniversary in a concert of our favorites through the years. Director Tyme Baez and accompanist Julie Sundby will bring the men in black to your ears at 3:30PM on November 5th in the Salem sanctuary. See you there!

Annual Congregational Meeting

Potluck and Congregational Meeting will follow worship on Sunday, November 12.

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