



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 22, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsive): Inspired by Exodus 33:12-23

One: Let us worship the Holy One who forms us as a people, a community, and a world!

Many: God knows our name and looks upon us with pleasure.

One: Let us hear, see, and know the ways of the Lord.

Many: God reveals Godself to us in magnificent and gentle ways.

One: Let us proclaim the glory, goodness, and graciousness of our Great God!

Many: God is worthy to be praised!

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* 160
(Jesus, the Light of the world)

Call to Confession

Words of Confession (unison):

Righteous One, forgive us for all the ways our hearts have been hardened. Forgive us for every time we chose to reflect the ways, attitudes, and values of this world rather than your kindom. Forgive us for turning away from the brokenness of our world when it becomes too uncomfortable. Forgive us for being timid when you empower us to be bold, for being resigned when you have created us to be resolute, for being complicit when you have charged us to be transformative. Help us to walk in your image and your path of righteousness, courageousness, and loving kindness. Amen.

Silence

Words of Grace

*Passing the Peace

*Song of Regathering: *There is a Balm in Gilead* (v. 1)

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**Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.
There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole,
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

Time with the Children

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.

Scripture Reading: Exodus 33:12-23 p.79

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22 p. 902

Sermon: Whose Image is On This? 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.**

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving (unison):

**Generous God, we thank you for the gifts we receive
and for the gifts we give. May they serve to make your
kindom come and your will be done. Magnify their impact so
that you may be glorified and your name be praised. Amen.**

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 43

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
LARGE PRINT bulletins and hymns are available.

Parts of today's liturgy written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for
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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, October 23

Eve - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 24

5:30-6:30PM - Cub Scouts
6:30PM - BOCE

Wednesday, October 25

6PM - BRC
6:45PM - Chancel

Friday, October 28

November Newsletter Articles Due

5-7PM - Youth Pasta Fundraiser

Sunday, October 29

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

***Last day to contribute to BPNN
Thanksgiving Meals**

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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<https://salemchurch.breezechms.com/give/online>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee will be meeting at Salem on Monday, October 23rd at 7 PM. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in being a part of the Mission Committee to join us that evening.

Pasta Dinner

Hosted by Salem Youth on Saturday, October 28 from 5-7pm. A variety of pastas and sauces will be offered along with tossed salad, garlic bread, dessert and beverages. A free will offering will be collected to benefit the Youth SALT Trip fund.

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!

Badger Prairie Needs Network Thanksgiving Meals

It is again time for the community of Verona to join together to help provide Thanksgiving meals for our neighbors in need throughout Dane County. Many of the families who are clients at BPNN don't eat the traditional Thanksgiving foods. To avoid food waste, rather than offer pre-assembled baskets, families are allowed to shop for the items their families will eat on Thanksgiving. If you would like to sponsor a household for Thanksgiving, please contribute \$65.

Checks should be made out to Salem. Please note that the check is for Thanksgiving meals.

If you would prefer to donate goods, these are the items in need for Thanksgiving meals and throughout the year. Cases of the items would be greatly appreciated.



White Rice	Canned Mandarin Orange
Canned Corn	Canned Pineapple
Canned Green Beans	Flour

Food Donations can be placed in the bin in the fellowship hall.

All donations (monetary and food) need to be to Salem by Sunday October 29th.

Thank you for your help in making a Thanksgiving meal possible for our neighbors!

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