



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Call to Worship (responsively):

Inspired by Psalm 149

One: Let our praise today be made new.

Many: May we sing a new song, pray a new prayer, dance a new dance, and speak and hear a new word.

One: Let the faithful delight in the Holy One's marvelous acts

Many: From the seats in the sanctuary to the couches in our homes.

One: Let us glorify God with our voices, the work of our lives, and the joy of our souls.

Many: Glory to God! Praise the Holy One!

Introit

Welcome

*Hymn of Praise: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* 86

Words of Confession (unison):

Holy One, we confess that accountability can be discomfoting, and we avoid discomfort. We seek the good enough, convenient, and easy over the good, possible, and hard. Hold us accountable to the gospel. Hold us accountable to our claim and commitment to follow you. Hold us accountable to your will. Help us to receive your grace and liberate us from shame in order to embrace accountability as a loving act of community.

Silence

Words of Grace

*Passing the Peace

*Song of Regathering: *What a Covenant* (v. 3) 471

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

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.

Anthem: *Come Build a Church* [Ken Medema]

Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-14 p. 77

Sermon: *Arguing with God* Rev. Phil Hobson

Hymn: *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* 23

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: *For the Healing of the Nations* 576

Benediction

Benediction Response

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.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Today

Monday, October 16

1PM - CROP Walk (First Cong UCC, Madison)
6-8PM - Quilting (at Cindy Remus's)
Eve - Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 17

5:30-6:30PM - Cub Scouts

Wednesday, October 18

6PM - BRC
6:45PM - Chancel
6:30-8PM - Faith and Domestic Violence
(Hosted by DAIS)

Thursday, October 19

6:30PM - Men's Fellowship at
The Stone Porch Alehouse
(950 Kimball Ln, Verona)

Sunday, October 22

9AM - Sunday School
10:15AM - Worship

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.



GIVE ONLINE!

Scan this QR code or use the following web address:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Website Help

Jon Pundt is looking for volunteers to help update and maintain the website. No experience necessary, and it's actually easier than you might think! If you are interested, drop an email to jonpundt@gmail.com and we'll set up a quick training session.

A Conversation About Faith & Domestic Violence

October 18, 6:30-8pm, Salem UCC

Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS), in collaboration with local faith leaders, will be holding a workshop that provides tools and knowledge to help fellow parishioners and friends in need.

We will discuss what domestic violence looks like, how to help create a safety plan, and resource access. Throughout the workshop DAIS will answer questions and discuss scenarios for the faith community to work through.

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.

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.

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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