



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 15, 2022

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship (Responsively):

We gather in this place of calm and restoring peace,

To become the people that proclaim the Risen Christ.

We gather after having traveled from our broken spaces,

To experience the healing love of Love Incarnate, Jesus our Lord.

We gather as one, even though we are diverse and unique.

We gather as one, because God calls each and every one of us.

We gather in praise – let us worship God!

*Hymn: *We Are One in the Spirit*

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*Call to Confession (Responsively):

The God of love and unity opens our hearts and our lives, so we may receive God's own Spirit.

We pray to see beyond the differences that separate us. We ask for help us to see beyond the limitations that keep us apart.

We seek the Spirit of Love through the Risen Christ so that we may become the church of hope that welcomes all and lives out the peace we seek. Let us pray together in one voice:

Good and gracious God, we confess that too often we are instruments of apathy and insensitivity. We confess that too often we look the other way and claim it to be our way of coping with the brokenness that surrounds us. Forgive our self-centeredness. Forgive our way of coping with the overwhelming troubles of the world. Make us mindful of your calling on our lives, so we may become the community that Christ intended us to be.

*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

The God of compassion, who came among us in Jesus Christ, leaves among us a Spirit of peace and a capacity to display holy love.

May God continue to instill within us a genuine love for each other, that our world may be convinced that we are disciples of Jesus, the Love of God incarnate. Amen.

Presentation of Bibles to 3rd and 4th Graders

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Reading from Acts of the Apostles: Acts 11: 1-18 p.1005

Handbell Anthem: *All Creatures of Our God and King* [Judy Endean]

Reading from the Gospel: John 13: 31-35 p. 984

Sermon: "Christian Life: Between Two Worlds" 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

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

(...concludes with the Lord's Prayer in 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.

Words of Institution

Act of Communing: *The elements will be served to you in the pews. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free and casein-free. The inner rows of cups contain grape juice, while the outer row contains wine.*

Prayer after Communion (Unison):

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

We Are One in the Spirit

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) Fm (Bm) (Em) Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
 2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
 3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
 4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
Bbm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
 we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
 we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
 and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
Bbm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
 and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
 and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
 and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
Db Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
Bbm Fm Bbm Cm Fm Bbm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FROM THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The Salem Women's Guild Salad Luncheon was a success! The weather was cooperative, workers were aplenty, and the donation of salads and desserts were plentiful! Including a few generous donations, we took in \$660 for which we are exceedingly grateful. Attendees expressed their joy in the opportunity to attend this event once again, and many compliments were given on the tastiness of the food.

Of course, we couldn't do this without the help of Salem's members, who always come through when requests are made. We give a GREAT BIG THANK-YOU to all the people who donated salads and desserts! We also extend a HEARTFELT THANK-YOU to those who gave of their time to help set up for the event, to those who worked in the kitchen and dining room, and those who helped with the clean-up until the last plate and cup was washed and put back into the cupboard! Along the way, we had good laughs and fellowship, which makes it all the more enjoyable. A final thought is that MANY NEEDY PEOPLE will benefit from all of our efforts because that is the mission of the Women's Guild.

Thank you to everyone, once again, for helping to make the Salad Luncheon a successful event!

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, May 16

Eve - Boy Scouts

Wednesday, May 17

4:45PM - Confirmation

6PM - BRC

Thursday, May 18

6:30PM - Men's Fellowship at the home of Doug Smith

7PM - Koinonia (Women's Fellowship)

Sunday, May 22

Confirmation Sunday

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

6:30PM - Youth Gathering

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