



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 10, 2022

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship (Responsively):

The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

How shall we answer?

We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

How shall we answer?

We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation and compassion wherever we can.

*Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* 347

*Prayer of Confession (Responsively):

In the lives of neighbors who suffer brokenness and pain:
we confess you are still speaking!

In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honored: we confess you are still speaking!

In a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy:
we confess you are still speaking!

In a world calling for the blessing of truth: We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to hear!

Let us confess together:

We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion. We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness.

Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all, strengthen us to love our neighbor and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.

*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon (Unison):

So many things call for our attention.

But as God gave insight to those who followed and who ultimately understood Jesus, so might we also receive eyes of faith through which our attention will focus upon life in its fullest.

May we come to perceive God more deeply, as the grace of God helps us to know ourselves more honestly. Amen.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: Deuteronomy 30: 9-14 p. 185

Reading from the Gospels: Luke 10: 25-37 p. 948

Communion Meditation:

"A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" Dr. Robinson

The 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)

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

Sharing the Bread and Wine: *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):

As we accept our seats at your Table, our God, may we also claim a place in this world for the rights of the lowly.

As you pour out your grace upon us, may we wrap it around the orphans and the weak;

As you whisper your dreams for us, may we speak out on behalf of the poor;

**As you offer us the bread and the cup from your hands, may we reach down and lift up those who have fallen through the cracks of our society.
Let us be the neighbors unto others ... that you would have us to be!
Amen.**

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: *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* 561

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS | JULY 10-12

VBS begins tonight at 6pm. The evening begins with a kid-friendly meal followed by games, Bible stories, crafts, and music. There will be a bible study and discussion for adults.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, July 10

6-7:30PM - VBS

Monday, July 11

6-7:30PM - VBS

Tuesday, July 12

6-7:30PM - VBS

Sunday, July 17

9AM - Worship

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