



**SALEM UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST  
*Living Out God's Love*

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 31, 2022

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*The Call to Worship (Responsively): from Psalm 107, Luke 12

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**God's love and warm embrace last forever.**

When we cry out in distress, the Lord hears our call.

**Praise the Lord who delivers us from sin and death.**

Christ calls us to clothe ourselves in righteousness.

**Worship the One who wraps us with justice,  
and helps us grow in the image of our Creator.**

Love well, for your heart is where your treasure is.

**May our hearts be filled with God's blessings,  
divine provisions that meet our true needs.**

\*Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* 386

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things.**

**We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people.**

**We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room  
for them and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those  
who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a  
constant struggle.**

**We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you.**

**Forgive us.**

**Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of  
substance and spirit,**

**can be used for healing and hope.**

**Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this  
world.**

**For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

\*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

Children of God, blessings have been poured upon you so that you  
may use them to help others.

**God walks with us and guides our steps as we reach out in  
compassion, mercy and justice to all in need. Thanks be to God!**

Reading from the Epistles: Colossians 3: 1-4, 12-17 p. 1075

Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

Reading from the Gospel Luke 12: 13-21 p. 951

The Sermon: "Bigger Barns ... or Better Barns?" 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

\*Hymn *Open My Eyes That I May See*

Open my eyes that I may see

glimpses of truth thou hast for me.

Place in my hands the wonderful key

that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me,

Spirit divine!

Open my ears that I may hear

voices of truth thou sendest clear,

and while the wave notes fall on my ear,

everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,

ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me,

Spirit divine!

Open my mouth and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere.  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my mouth, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!

Benediction

Postlude

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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.

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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

<b>Sunday, July 31</b>	9AM - Worship 3-5PM - Youth at Verona Beach
<b>Sunday, August 7</b>	9AM - Worship

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