



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

November 13, 2022

Annual Meeting Sunday

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Who at My Door is Standing?* [Mosie Lister]

*Call to Worship (Responsively):

We gather today to worship the One who created us,
The One who calls us,
The One who equips us,
The One who loves us without end.
With joyful hearts, let us worship God.

*Hymn: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* 485

*Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us,
The prejudice that blinds us,
The ignorance that hobbles us,
The doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will
Find courage in unlikely place,
See the world with new and gracious eyes,
Move to those places where love is needed,
Have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Silent and Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

Hear the Good News: we are forgiven! We are set free to go out into the world and be the loving, gracious, hopeful people of God!
Alleluia! Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-11 p. 678

BRC Anthem: *Hallelujah! We Shall Rise* [Joseph Schrock]

Second Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-25 p. 682

Communion Meditation: "Joy Watch" Rev. Rachel Bauman

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.

The 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:

Bountiful God, we give thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. 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: *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

164

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Go in the Grace of the Lord* [James Barnard]

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.

Note: liturgy written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.

Guest Preacher

Rev. Rachel Bauman recently joined the Wisconsin Conference staff as an Associate Conference Minister. Her primary responsibility is to support the congregations and pastors of the Southwest Association and the Burlington and Waukesha districts of the Southeast Association.

After receiving her master of divinity degree from the Pacific School of Religion in 2012, Rachel served for seven years as minister of community life at First Church Berkeley, United Church of Christ. Most recently, Rachel served as pastor of St. John's United Church of Christ on Madeline Island whose mission and ministry are woven into the life of the island community.

Rachel lives in Madison with her partner, Joe Scarry. In her free time Rachel loves reading, cooking, eating ice cream, bird watching and adventures.

STAFF and SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

Interim Minister

Rev. Dr. Tom Robinson
trobinson@salemchurchverona.org

Director of Music

Dawn Lingard
dawn.Lingard@landsend.com

Director of Christian Education & Director of Youth Ministry

Sarah Pundt
spundt@salemchurchverona.org

Office Administrator

Cara Bahr
cbahr@salemchurchverona.org

Worship Leader/Reader

George Adams

Communion Servers

George Adams, Cara Bahr,
Hugh Hauser, Kathy Shubak

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Today

Monday, November 14
Wednesday, November 16

Potluck and Annual Meeting Following Worship
Eve - Boy Scouts

6PM - BRC
6:30PM - Bells
6:45PM - Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 17

6:30PM - Men's Fellowship at Jon Pundt's
7PM - Koinonia (Women's Fellowship)

Friday, November 18

Nov 18-19
Middle School "Knock-Knock" Retreat
10AM-2PM - Free Bikes 4 Kids Collection

Saturday, November 19

Sunday, November 20

9AM - Sunday School
10:15AM - Worship

502 Mark Drive, P.O. Box 930125, Verona, Wisconsin 53593
608-845-7315 • salemchurchverona.org

 facebook.com/VeronaSalemUCC  twitter.com/salemuccverona

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

FB4K Bike Collection Event @ Salem 11/19 @10am-2pm

After the success of our October bike collection event, FB4K asked if we could host their November collection event. It's an honor to continue serving as a community partner for this organization. Several youth will be away at a WI Conference Youth retreat and are not available to staff the collection station. Please consider volunteering during some or all of the event. Please contact Sarah Pundt for more information or to volunteer.

MUSICAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND RAFFLE!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 3, 2022 for Salem's first **Musical Christmas Bazaar and Raffle!** Hosted by the Women's Guild, Salem's music department will join in the festivities by providing music from each of the four choirs, including the bell choir. The Bazaar will include a meal this year of barbecue sandwiches, salads, and pies, and a host of baked items for sale throughout the library and hallway. Songs from the choirs will add Christmas cheer to the atmosphere as people shop and dine with family and friends. This will take place from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon. From 12:00 noon until 1:00 the annual Raffle will take place. Tickets for the raffle have gone on sale, and will continue to be sold after church until December 3rd. \$1.00 per ticket or \$5.00 for a packet of 6.

If you would like to donate a prize for the Raffle, contact Cindy Remus, Raffle chairman. Think about that special Christmas cookie or bread or candy or other item that always makes a hit each year, and plan to donate some to the Bazaar Bake Sale. Mary Cutler is chairman of that area.

We look forward to seeing new faces this year as we can open the Christmas Bazaar and Raffle to the public. And we hope the music will inspire lots of excitement for the season as our choirs entertain us at Salem's first **Musical Christmas Bazaar and Raffle!**

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Jon Pundt will host the Men's Fellowship group next Thursday Nov 17th at 6:30. Please contact him at jonpundt@gmail.com for details.