



# INVEST

In the New Thing

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*[Isaiah 43:19 Today’s English Version]*



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

An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

***Laity Sunday Guided by the Pastor Search Committee***

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Call to Worship (Responsively):

Hear the Good News: We are People of a New Covenant!

**As we gather to grow deeper in faith,  
God will write the ways of life in our hearts.**

Proclaim the Good News:

**We are all called to go and share Christ's love with the world!**

Be the Good News: We are God's People, and the Lord is our God!

**We learn to recognize grace everywhere, in every life.  
We wait for God's restoring and healing love.  
We remember our purpose through the means of grace.  
God's love is remaking the world!**

\*Hymn *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?* 539

Invest in the New Thing – Theme Verse: Isaiah 43: 19  
(Today's English Version)

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Search Committee Reflection:

*What we have learned about the "New Thing" God is doing ...  
as we have chronicled Salem Church's Heritage (history and values)*  
Krista Nechvatal, Search Committee Member

Prayer of Confession (Responsively):

Mighty and merciful God, you have called us to be your People and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.

**We confess that we have not lived up to our calling. We have been timid and frightened disciples, forgetful of your**

**powerful presence and the strength of your Spirit among us.  
We cling to our past instead of looking to your future for us.**

God, forgive our foolish and self-focused ways. As you have chosen us, and claimed us in our baptisms, strengthen us anew to choose Christ's way in this world.

**Give us your Holy Spirit that we may be gifted for service,  
answering your call, and sharing your Good News in Jesus  
Christ. Amen.**

Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

In Christ, all things are made new.

**The old ways have departed from us, so that we can have peace -  
Peace with God, Peace with one another, and Peace with all  
of Creation.**

Words of the Prophet Jeremiah: Jeremiah 31: 31-34 p. 720

Search Committee Reflection:

*What we have learned about the "New Thing" God is doing ...  
as we have surveyed Salem Church's current Programs and Ministry*  
Brian Winterle, Search Committee Member

Bell Choir Anthem: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* [Sandra Eithun]

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.**

Epistle Lesson: II Timothy 3:14 – 4:5 p. 1087

Search Committee Reflection:

*What we have learned about the "New Thing" God is doing ...  
as we have discerned Salem Church's Future Dreams and Potentials  
and the Verona Area's Changes*  
Jon Pundt, Search Committee Member

Offering

Offertory (Bells): *Be Thou My Vision* [arr. Jason Krug]

\*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:

*The Summons*

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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.

**Search Committee Members:**

- Jon Pundt, chairperson
- Brad Bergin
- Kathy Hauser
- Krista Nechvatal
- Angela Quade
- Karen Williams
- Brian Winterle

### Will You Come and Follow Me



1 Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **CROP WALK - October 16, 2022 @ 1pm.**

The Salem Youth are once again sponsoring a CROP walk team and they invite the Salem congregation to join them. Please visit the team page to join the group or make a donation:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/salem-ucc-youth-and-congregation-2>

### **CHURCH NURSERY NEWS**

We are working toward returning to regular nursery care during the worship hour. Currently, we are relying on volunteers from the congregation until we are able to hire new staff. The shortage of workers in the childcare field is proving to be an obstacle. Per our Safe Church guidelines we need to have two non-related people serving as caregivers. One of those two individuals needs to be over 18. The nursery will be open for children when it is fully staffed. Please view the schedule below for days the nursery will be open during worship. If we are able to recruit more volunteers for the other Sundays, we could move toward a more reliable schedule for nursery care. Please contact Sarah Pundt to volunteer or if you know someone who would like to apply for our nursery caregiver position(s). **We are currently in need of an adult caregiver on November 6 and we need an assistant (which could be an adult or teen) on October 23, November 6, 13, 20 and 27th.**

## STAFF and SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

### **Interim Minister**

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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

### **Today**

1PM - CROP Walk

### **Monday, October 17**

Eve - Boy Scouts

### **Wednesday, October 19**

6PM - BRC

6:45PM - Chancel Choir

6:30PM - Handbells

### **Thursday, October 20**

6:30PM - Men's Fellowship

7PM - Koinonia (Women's Fellowship)

### **Sunday, October 23**

9AM - Sunday School

10:15AM - Worship

Youth Fall Gathering

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