



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

July 7, 2024

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: *There Is a Balm in Gilead* [Mark Hayes]

Greeting

Call to Worship (responsively):

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

God's grace is sufficient for us;

In Christ, the weak are made strong.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: *Let Every Christian Pray* 261

Prayer of confession (unison):

Holy, triune God, we confess that we have not lived for your glory. You sent prophets to teach us, but we have not listened to them. You sent your Son to show us your way, but we struggle to follow. Forgive us, God of grace. By your power at work within us restore our faith, and help us to continue our walk in your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

*Passing the Peace

Time with the Child in All of Us

First Reading: Ezekiel 2: 1-5 p. 756

The Church at Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (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.

Gospel Reading: Mark 6: 1-13 p. 917

Sermon: Knowing when to Move On Rev. Kathleen Owens

*Hymn: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* 403

Supporting the Church's Mission and Ministry

Call to Generosity

Offertory: *He Leadeth Me* [Carol Tornquist]
*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 (unison):

Generous God, we offer these gifts in gratitude for all we have received. Use them to strengthen the ministry of your church to meet the needs of your children. May these offerings bear witness to your love made known to us in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Opportunities to Serve

*Closing Hymn: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* 76

*Benediction

*Benediction Response: *Halleluja* 236

Postlude: *Soon & Very Soon with On Jordan's Stormy Banks* [Cindy Berry]

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
LARGE PRINT bulletins and hymns are available.

Kathleen's Bio:

Rev. Kathleen Owens currently works for the Center for Clergy Renewal at Holy Wisdom Monastery, a ministry supporting pastors of all Christian denominations. She is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She lives in Verona with her husband, two children, three forever cats, and an ever revolving door of foster cats.

Library Flex Space During Worship

Children are always welcome in the sanctuary and Sunday morning worship is intended to be a family experience. However, we appreciate that some parents might need support during worship with wiggly little ones. Therefore, we have created a relaxed space in the first-floor library for use during worship. This space is outfitted with toys, crayons/paper, books, puzzles, and more. The worship service is live streamed in the library so you will not miss any part of the service. This space is open to anyone who finds they would be more comfortable using this alternate room.



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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Tuesday, July 9

Youth SALT Trip (July 9-14)
6PM - Finance
7PM - Council

Thursday, July 11

Men's Fellowship at the home of Nathan Bahr

Sunday, July 14

9AM - Worship
Youth return from SALT Trip

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Church Directory – Coming Fall 2024!

Please see the June newsletter for information on submitting information for a new church directory. Flyers are also available on the back table in the sanctuary. Questions can be directed to Krista Nechvatal or Kris Wilbricht or by sending an email to: directory@saalemchurchverona.org

Scripture Readers Needed!

We are in need of Sunday scripture readers to fill the 1st, 3rd and sometimes 5th Sundays of the month. If you have read in the past and are still willing to serve or if you have not recently and are interested, please let Cara Bahr know.