

Building Faith is a website offered by the Episcopal church which provides ideas, inspiration, and guidance for just about every faith-related topic for children, youth, and adults throughout the church year. The following is a shortened version of the April 2018 article about Youth Sunday written by Caren Miles.

When To Do Youth Sunday? EVERY Sunday!

“I want us as a church to turn away from the easy stereotype of a once-a-year Youth Sunday and towards a more spirit-filled and life-giving model of youth led liturgy.”

Creating a Youth-Centric Liturgical Calendar How do we move from a single Sunday of service into full ministry? First, do it more than once a year. Consider children and youth throughout the liturgical calendar. Look at the life of your church and community. What important milestones and dates should be celebrated in the congregation?

Mentoring Youth Through Adult Relationships In addition to your parish’s clergy, tap into other faithful leaders who will mentor your youth. Every congregation has many non-ordained leaders who can have a strong impact on teens.

The Fruits of Including Youth in Worship Including the youth fully and energetically in worship – planning, preparation, and execution – can turn a regular “Youth Sunday” into a ministry that embraces their gifts. Furthermore, it allows them to find their best fit in the church community.

Overall, Salem UCC is achieving these goals. Thank you to the Salem UCC congregation for their support towards these ideals all throughout the year, and a special thank you to every adult who has given time, talent, and care to our youth. While Youth Sunday provides the opportunity for youth grades 6-12 to prepare and provide a special worship service for the congregation, it is also important to honor the numerous ways our youth are engaged in the Salem UCC and local communities all year long:

FB4K Madison (bike collection, repair, and distribution), CROP Walk, community garden and produce donations for BPNN, prairie restoration, church nursery caregivers, church sound system operators, church grounds care, Advent program and ornament workshop volunteers, welcomers/ushers, Women’s Guild Raffle support, decorating the church for Christmas, Morning for Mission, youth mentors at conference retreat, lighting the Advent candles, VBS volunteers, and assembling welcome bags for new neighbors.





SALEM UNITED CHURCH
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Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 5, 2023

Youth Sunday

Prelude

Introit: *Trust in You* [Lauren Daigle]
see insert for words

Welcome

*Call to Worship (responsively):

God calls us into the church to step into the boat of faith and row the oars toward Him.

And to put on the life jacket of His love to keep us from harm in life to protect us, His holy servants.

God calls us to take courage, to not be afraid

He climbs into the boat with us and the wind dies down.

*Hymn: *Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls* 383

Parable of the Lifejacket

Prayer of Confession (responsively):

When our faith shrinks,

God forgives us

When imperfection shows,

God sees the good in us

When we sink other people's days,

God forgives us

When we hide from our responsibilities,

God reminds us that in the darkest storms, faith is ever present.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

Anthem: *I've Got Peace Like a River* Children's Choir

Children's Time

Parable of the Anchor

Scripture: Jeremiah 17:7-8 p. 705

Hymn: *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem* (v. 3 only) 51

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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 6:47-58 p. 918

Message

Hymn: *We Are Often Tossed and Driven* 444
(We'll Understand It Better By and By)

Offering

Offertory

Sharing of gifts

*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

Parable of the Sails

Announcements

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Build a Boat* [Colton Dixon]
see insert for words

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.

Trust in You

Lauren Daigle

Letting go of every single dream
I lay each one down at Your feet
Every moment of my wandering
Never changes what You see
I've tried to win this war, I confess
My hands are weary, I need Your rest
Mighty warrior, King of the fight
No matter what I face, You're by my side

Refrain:

When You don't move the mountains
I'm needing You to move
When You don't part the waters
I wish I could walk through
When You don't give the answers
As I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust
I will trust in You

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings
There's not a day ahead You have not seen
So in all things be my life and breath
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less

Refrain

You are my strength and comfort
You are my steady hand
You are my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
Your ways are always higher
Your plans are always good
There's not a place where I'll go
You've not already stood

Refrain

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Lauren Daigle / Michael Farren / Paul Marbury

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Build a Boat

Colton Dixon

I've been wandering through the desert
Ain't seen a cloud in forever over me
But I believe Your rain is coming, mm
Yeah, I've been hanging onto high hopes
'Cause You're the one who's making dry bones come to life
You're the light I put my trust in

Refrain:

Every word You say is gonna come true
You will lead me to the promised land
Everything You say is gonna happen
Even though I haven't seen it yet

I will build a boat in the sand where they say it never rains
I will stand up in faith, I'll do anything it takes
With Your wind in my sails, Your love never fails or fades
I'll build a boat in the desert place
And when the flood and the water starts to rise, yeah
I'll ride the storm 'cause I got You by my side
With Your wind in my sails, Your love never fails or fades
I'll build a boat, so let it rain

You're the map, You're my compass
You help me navigate the currents underneath
Take the lead, I surrender

Refrain

Source: [Musixmatch](#)

Songwriters: Seth David Mosley / Colton Dixon / Sandro Cavazza / Johan Gustav Lindbrandt / Michael Jack Gormley

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

The Salem youth worked as a group to prepare the entire service this morning. This planning included selecting the theme, scriptures, hymns, and planning the order of worship. They worked individually and in small groups to write the entire service based on their interpretations of the scriptures and how God was speaking to them and through them.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Today	6:30-8PM - "Nothing to Hide" Speaker on Loss, Grief and Trauma
Monday, March 6	Eve - Boy Scouts
Wednesday, March 8	6PM - BRC 6:30PM - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel
Thursday, March 9	1:30PM - Women's Guild Meeting 7PM - Weekly Worship Workshop
Friday, March 10	5:30PM - Family Pizza & Movie Night "Inside Out"
Sunday, March 12	9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship 6:30-8PM - "Nothing to Hide" Youth and Mental Health

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE

Lisa Hart will be providing emergency pastoral care during this time of transition. If you have a pastoral care emergency or need a hospital visit, etc, she can be reached at 608-438-1571.

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING, MARCH 9

George will be presenting an updated committee organization chart the Council approved at its February meeting. He will also give us insight into the potential long-term structure that the Council will look to move towards in 2024. Based on our conversations as a Guild, we shared these challenges with George. He wants to offer his thoughts, provide recommendations (e.g., name change) and give the next steps in moving some of our functions to this new structure, so we are no longer a separate entity and are under Salem's umbrella.

WEEKLY WORSHIP WORKSHOP

At our March 9 gathering we will learn about Liturgy and the Lectionary. Join us as we explore what they are and how we use them during Sunday worship.

SUNDAY USHERS/WELCOMERS

Please sign up to usher/welcome using the clipboard in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY

March 12	Lisa Hart
March 19	Larry Balleine
March 26	Jessica Taft



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