



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 22, 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: *Who at the Door in Standing* [Mosie Lister]

*The Call to Worship (Responsively): -led by Confirmand Blake Adams
God, be gracious to us and bless us.
God, make your face to shine upon us.

**That your ways may be known on earth
and your saving power among all the nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

**Let all nations rejoice and shout in triumph,
for you judge the peoples with justice
and guide the nations of the earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has given its increase.
May you, our God, bless us.**

**God, grant us your blessing that all the ends of the earth may
revere you.** *[adapted from Psalm 67]*

*Hymn: *Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us* 264

*Prayer of Confession (Unison): -led by Confirmand Owen Luginbuhl
**Most Merciful God, you pour out on your people every perfect gift;
We confess that you are more willing to give than we are to receive.
You have given us your Law and commanded us to obey;
We have taken our own path of disobedience.
You have given us your Son and instructed us to hear him;
We listen to other voices and shut his out.
You have given us your Holy Spirit to enable us to do your work;
We have chosen to try to do your will in our own strength.
O Loving God, we pray that you will be patient with us.
May you remain slow to chide and swift to bless, until at last we learn
to trust your perfect will.
For the sake of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

*Silent, Personal Prayers of Confession

*Assurance of Pardon (Responsively):

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, know this:

There is nothing in heaven or on earth

- not pride or error or broken trust - not rage or long petty habit.

Nothing which can separate us from the Lord our God in Jesus Christ.

**Therefore, we rejoice! God's grace abounds! We are renewed
ever and again by the claim of Love. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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.**

Recognition of Sarah Pundt,
Director of Christian Education and Director of Youth Ministry

Reading from Acts of the Apostles: Acts 16: 9-15 p. 1011

BRC Anthem: *Lean on Me with We Shall Overcome* [Mark Hayes]

Rite of Confirmation

Reading from the Gospel: John 14: 23-29 p. 985
-read by Confirmand Brianna Runnheim

Sermon: "What IS the Peace of Christ?" 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* insert

Benediction

Benediction Response: *Step in to the Water* [Mosie Lister]

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.

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O-pen my eyes, that I may see glimps-es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O-pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send-est clear.
3 O-pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery-where.

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery-thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
dis - ap-pear. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si-lent-ly now I wait for thee, read-y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1865

OPEN MY EYES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

Summer worship hours will begin on June 5, with worship at 9am.

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, May 22

6:30PM - Youth Gathering

Monday, May 23

Eve - Boy Scouts

Sunday, May 29

10:15AM - Worship

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