



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

An Open and Affirming Congregation

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

\*Call to Worship (responsively):

Creator God, we come, thirsty for your Word.

**You offer to us flowing water, and we give you praise.**

Loving Christ, we come to you hungry for your grace.

**You touch living springs within us, and we give you thanks.**

Holy Spirit, we come to you thirsty, yet you hunger for us to be vessels for you.

**You nourish us for service, and we give you our lives. Thanks be to God.**

\*Hymn: *Jesus, Come Speak to Us* insert

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (unison):

**Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation.**

**Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Time with Children

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer and 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.**

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 Common English Bible

BRC Anthem: *There Will I Be* [Craig Courtney]

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-24 Common English Bible

Sermon: Living Water Lisa Hart

Offering

Invitation to Generosity

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 (unison):

**Found of Blessing, receive our gifts in the joy that we give them. Be it time, tithe, or talent, it all comes from you. Thank you for blessing us to be a blessing to you and each other. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation: *Let Us Break Bread Together* 330

**The Sacrament of Communion**

Invitation

Communion Prayer (responsively)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy One... Even dry bones in the valley of death stand to sing your

praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

We give you thanks and praise for Jesus... This is the new covenant,  
sealed in my blood. Do this in remembrance of me.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the  
Lord's death until he comes.**

Now pour out your Holy Spirit... all glory is yours, O God, now and always.

**Amen.**

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 of Thanksgiving (unison):

**We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at  
your table by granting us the presence of Jesus 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; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

\*Hymn: *Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer* 18

Benediction

Benediction Response

Postlude

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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.

### Resources for today's worship:

Call to Worship by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, [www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)

Offering liturgy by Rev. Tena T. Nock, Associate Pastor of Digital Ministry,  
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## Jesus, Come Speak to Us

God, you have gathered us, hungry for the Bread of Life,  
thirsty for waters of flowing grace.

Our broken hearts are yours, open and waiting.

We want to meet you face to face.

Jesus, come speak to us. Sit beside the way with us.

Draw from the well and refresh our souls.

Shine light into our hearts, heal hidden wounds within,

call forth our gifts and make us whole.

Spirit, our Breath of Life, fill us with your grace and truth.

Make us your vessels of love and light.

Flow like a river, welling up within us

with waters of eternal life.

Words: Steve Garnaas-Holmes

[John 4.1-42]

(Tune: *Fairest Lord Jesus*)

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paste, print, project or broadcast it in whatever ways you need. It  
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"Used by permission; Steve Garnaas-Holmes, [www.unfoldinglight.net](http://www.unfoldinglight.net)."  
Sing for God! ~ Steve

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PASTORAL CARE

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

### UPCOMING PULPIT SUPPLY

March 19	Larry Balleine
March 26	Jessica Taft
April 2	Katya Ouchakof
April 9	Lisa Hart

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

<b>Today, March 12</b>	6:30-8PM - "Nothing to Hide" Youth and Mental Health
<b>Monday, March 13</b>	Eve - Boy Scouts
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b>	6PM - Finance 7PM - Council
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>	6PM - BRC 6:30 - Handbells 6:45PM - Chancel
<b>Thursday, March 16</b>	7PM - Koinonia (Women's Fellowship)
<b>Saturday, March 18</b>	6:30PM - Movie Night: <i>As Good as it Gets</i> (PG13)
<b>Sunday, March 19</b>	9AM - Sunday School 10:15AM - Worship 6:30-8PM - "Nothing to Hide" Speaker



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