



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

May 29, 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*The Call to Worship (Responsively):

Holy God, you are the Refuge of all who trust in you.

We come to worship you - trusting completely in you.

In shared worship, we come to worship your holy presence.

Unshakable God, in confidence we come to you as children of our God,
For you are our Hope and our Future.

In shared worship, we rejoice in our heritage.

God, you are the fullness of joy, and in you we trust.

**In shared worship, we give thanks to God for your guidance,
and for the sense of security your near presence gives to us.
Amen.**

*Hymn: *You Walk along Our Shoreline* 504

*Prayers of Petition and Trust (Responsively):

O Lord our God, you are our Refuge, our Guide and our Helper,
and we place our trust and confidence in your abiding presence.

We look to you especially in the uncertainties of life,
as there are times when we feel very threatened by personal or other
issues.

**From our experiences of our Loving God we know we can
trust in you,
quite confident in our hope and belief that you hold the future
in your hands,
and that we can always trust in your care of all things.**

Holy God of your People through all ages,
we give thanks for the inheritance we have as God's children,
and that our heritage is in safe hands.
You have blessed us with many gifts:
with life, with relationships, with joy and peace,
and with hope in you.

Hear us now as we seek your blessings.

We are troubled by many things that are close to our hearts
and minds.

Travel with us we pray,

guiding us and strengthening us for what lies ahead.

The unknown future concerns us,

especially when there is so many evil influences at work in
the world.

Yet, despite these fears, you have gifted us with confidence
that we never walk alone.

You have promised to us lead into the pleasures of being with
God forever;

and that you are always by our side,

leading us into life in all its fullness in your radiant presence.

Amen.

-adapted from Psalm 16

*Silent Reflection and Prayers of Renewed Trust in God

*Assurance of God's Presence and Love (Responsively):

Despite our lingering fears,

we give thanks to God for the quiet joy and peace

that flows from a sense of confidence in God's loving mercy and
compassion;

the assurance that we do not travel alone;

**and with God nearby, even when we are at our most
vulnerable,**

God does not leave us.

We give thanks too that we can say with confidence:

**'I know the Lord is always with me, I will never be shaken,
for God is right beside me.'**

*Liturgy for this morning's service adapted from Joan Stott - "The Timeless
Psalms" RCL Psalm Year A, used with permission.*

Reading from the Gospel: John 17: 20-26

p. 987

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.**

Reading from Acts of the Apostles: Acts 16: 16-34 p. 1011

Sermon: "Open Doors" 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: *Help Us Accept Each Other* 388

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS

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

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Monday, May 23

Eve - Boy Scouts

Sunday, June 5

9AM - Worship

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