

Salem United Methodist Church

October 2, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: Jesus Christ calls us to worship and to gather around His holy table. We come with followers of Christ around the world and feast together. Renew your Church, O God, and make us one.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Most holy God, in your grace send your Holy Spirit to work among us. Renew in us our desire for the coming of your Kingdom. Give us insight into the teachings of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. May we open ourselves and our congregation to receive your blessings as well as your direction for our mission in the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" #540

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 13:44-53 (CEB)

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SONG OF PREPARATION "Seek Ye First" #405 (verse 1)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

COMMUNION MEDITATION "Kingdom Building Blocks: God's Priorities"

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **O God, as we prepare to come to the table of our Lord, remind us of our need for confession and forgiveness in your grace. We have lost our focus on your Kingdom, and we have allowed other things to take priority. Have mercy on us. Redeem, restore, and remake us to be more like our Savior. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING pp. 15-16

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

SONGS DURING COMMUNION (please see screen)

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT (in unison): **Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy meal in which you have given yourself to us. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and unite us as you have fed us with one heavenly food. Set us free by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may offer ourselves fully to the work you call us to do as your people in the world. In Christ's holy name we pray and commit ourselves to your loving service. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC "Be Thou My Vision" #451

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION SONG "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #557 (verse 1)

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of Kindred minds is like to that above.**

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Our Communion Liturgy is taken from The United Methodist Book of Worship and used with permission by the United Methodist Publishing House.

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Ellie Brown, Liturgist

Katy Stevens, Director of Music

Rick Dusek, Tech Team Producer

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor

Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

Child Care is available for our younger children during the 10:45 a.m. service in the nursery room downstairs.

Today – "Cider Sip" following the 10:45 service. Join us to welcome our new Music Director, Katy Stevens.

This Week (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 10/3 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study on angels (Parlor/Zoom)

Tuesday, 10/4 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Salem Room)

Wednesday, 10/5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Parlor)

Wednesday, 10/5 6:30 p.m. Vespers (outdoors; weather permitting)

Friday, 10/7 6:00 p.m. – Youth Pizza Party & Blanket Making (Hall)

Upcoming

Sunday, 10/9 12noon – Christmas Ornament Workshop (fundraiser for UMCOR project sponsored by United Women in Faith)

Tuesday, 10/11 6:30 p.m. Church Conference

Wednesday, 10/12 6 p.m. and Sunday, 10/16 9 am – Blessing of the Animals with offering of donations for Luna's House (see newsletter for list of items needed)

Sunday, 10/23, both services – Anniversary Worship with brunch at 9:15 a.m.

Saturday, 10/29 4-6 p.m. – Trunk or Treat (volunteers needed for Trunks!)