

Salem United Methodist Church

August 4, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 90)

“Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Most Holy God, as we focus on you, we are in awe. You created us and all that has life. You know us completely. In your great mercy, you offer us redemption in Jesus Christ. You are steadfast in caring for us. We cannot escape your great love. Answer us as we call on you. Draw us closer to you so we can know your will for us. We desire to honor your values and priorities. By your grace, may our lives proclaim you through the power of your Spirit. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC “Blessed Assurance” #369

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 27:1-4 (NIV)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

“Where Are You Dwelling?”

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (in unison): **Eternal God, we give you thanks for the opportunity to participate in your redeeming work. Fill us with power and strength to serve you faithfully. In gratitude for your goodness and love, we commit ourselves, our service, our witness, and our gifts to be used for your honor and glory. Bless this offering to magnify your love in all the world. In Jesus’ holy name we pray. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC “God Will Take Care of You” #130

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Irish Blessing
May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm on your face. The rain fall soft on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*POSTLUDE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Live stream notice: We are blessed to be able to live stream and record our 10:00 a.m. worship service. Anyone in the sanctuary during that time may appear on camera as part of the service and consents to filming. Our camera is directed at the front of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Stacey.

Welcome to Salem United Methodist Church! Thank you for joining us today in worship.

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Karen Sersen, Liturgist

Scott Shelton, Tech Team Producer

Katy Stevens, Director of Music

Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

Jerry Sersen, Lay Speaker

Junior Church begins after the Children's Message.

THIS WEEK (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 8/5 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Upcoming (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 8/12 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)

Friday, 8/16 11:30 a.m. – Women Moving On Luncheon (call office for details)

Saturday, 8/17 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)

Monday, 8/19 – Prepaid Shrimp Boil RSVP due (forms in narthex or salemunited.org/shrimpbowl)

Wednesday, 8/21 1:00 p.m. – Book Club (call office for details)

Saturday, 8/24 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. – Low Country Shrimp Boil (Hall for eat in or carry out; \$28 per person)

Sunday, 8/25 both services – Back to School Blessing

Saturday, 9/7 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Breakfast Bash (Hall; \$10 Adults, \$5 Children 6 & under)

Sunday, 9/8 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School resumes for all ages

Sunday, 9/8 – Second service and livestream move to 10:45 a.m.

Monday, 9/9 – Aerobics Fall Session begins (Hall)

Schedule note: Beginning Sunday, September 8, our second worship service and livestream will move to 10:45 a.m. This calendar change is from Labor Day to Father's Day.

Shrimp Boil: Our annual Low Country Shrimp Boil is back on August 24th! Make your reservations now for this wonderful time of food and fellowship. Your meal features an entrée (shrimp, sausage, potatoes, corn & onion), corn bread or hush puppies, a beverage, and dessert. Reservations, available for eat-in or carry-out, are available every half hour between 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.! Prepaid RSVPs of \$28 per person are due August 19th. Forms can be found in the narthex, or you can make your reservation and payment online at salemunited.org/shrimpbowl.

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