

Salem United Methodist Church

February 15, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 99:9)

Magnify the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy! We join in proclaiming the greatness of our Sovereign God.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Almighty God, you are gracious and merciful. You have given us Jesus to be our Savior and Redeemer because of your great love for us. Jesus calls us to follow in his way of self-giving and service. Help us to live out our commitment each day with joy and humility as members of the body of Christ. We pray in his holy name. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art" #77

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

Matthew 17:1-9 NRSV

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

"Reflecting Christ"

*DOXOLOGY

#95

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison): **Eternal God, we give you thanks for the gift of Jesus our Savior. In response to your grace and love, we dedicate ourselves to you. We offer our gifts and our lives for your glory. By your grace at work among us, may we live as true servants of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" #569

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Alleluia" #186 v. 1

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*POSTLUDE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Live stream notice: We are blessed to be able to live stream and record our 10:45 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:

Angela Spinner, Liturgist	Rick Dusek, Tech Team Director
Mark Hurley, Musician	Bryan Niles, Tech Team Producer
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@salemunited.org)	

Junior Church begins after the Children's Message.

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

Monday, 2/16 – Prepaid soup orders due (forms in narthex & online)
Monday, 2/16 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)
Tuesday, 2/17 9:30 a.m. – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)
Wednesday, 2/18 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Office)
Wednesday, 2/18 7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Worship (in-person and online)

Upcoming

Sunday, 2/22 – Soup order pickup (Hall; 15 minutes after each service)
Monday, 2/23 – Pastor's Lenten Bible Study begins (7pm on Zoom;
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>)
Tuesday, 2/24 9:30 a.m. – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)
Wednesday, 2/25 – UWFaith candy sale prepaid orders due (forms in narthex & online)
Saturday, 3/7 8:00 – 10:15 a.m. – Breakfast Bash (Hall; \$10 adults, \$5 kids 6 and under)

Pastor's Lenten Bible Study: This Lent, Pastor Stacey will lead a Bible Study on Pastor Adam Hamilton's book, "Why Did Jesus Have to Die? The Meaning of the Crucifixion." The study will begin on Monday, February 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and will meet on Zoom only. Please contact Pastor Stacey with questions or if you plan to attend.

UWFaith Candy Sale: Wockenfuss candy orders are available to help support UWFaith missions. Order forms can be found in the narthex. All orders must be prepaid and received by Wednesday, February 25th. Orders may be placed in the collection plate, dropped off in the office, or given to Amy Krebs or Sue Yurek. Please note checks should be made payable to UMW.



**SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
UPPER FALLS, MD**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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