

Salem United Methodist Church

Palm/Passion Sunday April 13, 2025

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Almighty God, on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let those branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our Lord, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray. Amen.**

PRELUDE AND PALM PROCESSIONAL

*OPENING MUSIC

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” #278

UNISON PRAYER: **Holy God, we thank you for the gift of Jesus Christ. Help us respond to his call to give ourselves to your Kingdom. We confess that we have often failed to live as your holy people. We have ignored your command to love and serve our neighbor. In your mercy, forgive us. By your Holy Spirit, empower us to honor our commitment to your realm, and live as more faithful followers of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Handbell Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (in unison): **Eternal God, who spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways, and who has spoken to us by your Son: Open our ears and hearts by your Holy Spirit to welcome your Holy One’s words of eternal life, that we may rejoice in your rule and walk after him in your ways. Amen.** (based on Hebrews 1:1-2; John 6:68-69)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19: 28-40 (NRSV)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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.

MESSAGE

“The Crucified King”

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Luke 18:31-34 (NRSV)

*DOXOLOGY

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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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison): **We believe Jesus Christ brought God’s Kingdom near, calling all people to repent and believe the good news. We believe his death on the cross exposes both the reality of human sin and the depths of God’s selfless, sacrificial love. We believe his resurrection is God’s ultimate victory over sin, hate, evil, and death. We believe that through the Holy Spirit, Jesus still calls us and all people to repent and believe the gospel, yielding our hearts to God alone, embodying in our lives the justice, mercy, and love of God’s rule.**

*CLOSING MUSIC

“Are Ye Able” #530

*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 10:45 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.

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

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Scott Shelton, Liturgist
Katy Stevens, Music Director
Karen Fisher, Handbell Choir Director
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@salemunited.org)

Rick Dusek, Tech Team Producer
Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

Junior Church begins after the Children's Message. **Choir** rehearses at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel.

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

Monday, 4/14 7:00 p.m. – Pastor's Lenten Bible Study on Zoom
(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>) based on The Message of Jesus: Words That Changed The World by Adam Hamilton.

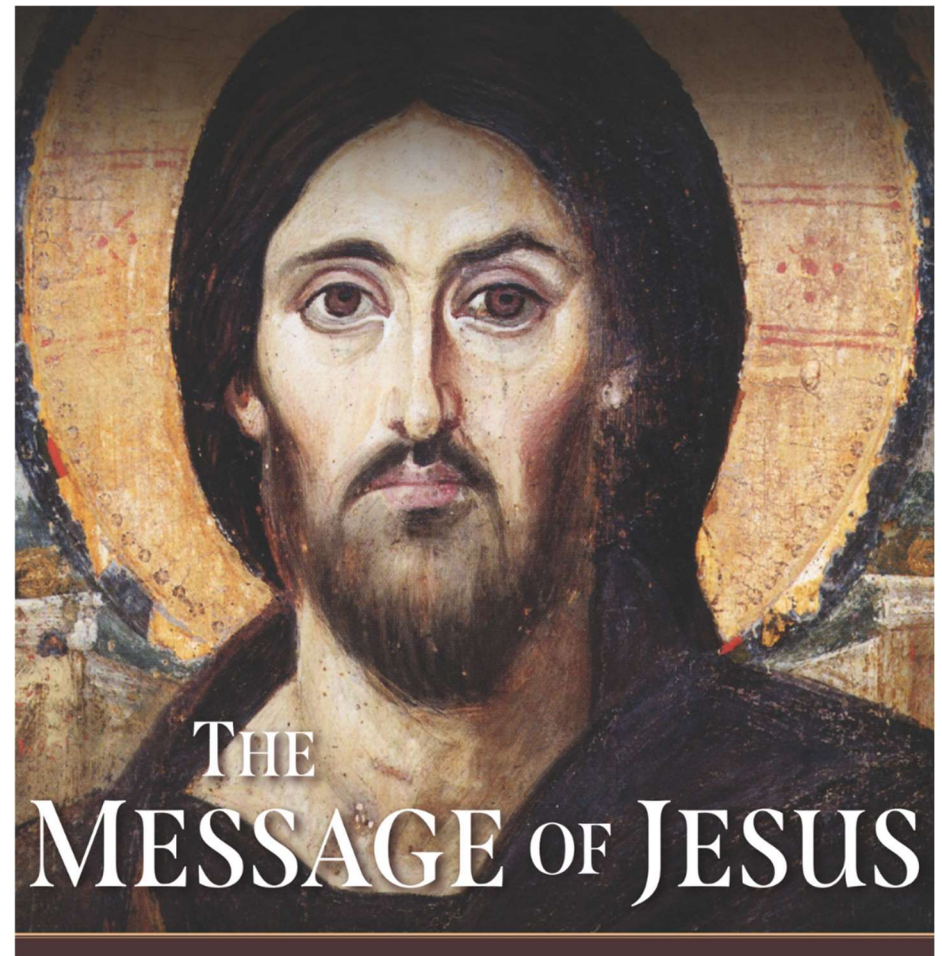
Monday, 4/14 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)
Tuesday, 4/15 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee (Salem Room)
Wednesday, 4/16 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Salem House)
Wednesday, 4/16 1:00 p.m. – Book Club (call office for details)
Wednesday, 4/16 No Vespers
Thursday, 4/17 6:00 p.m.: Soup & Bread Supper followed by Holy Thursday worship with Communion (in person & online) at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 4/18 1:00 p.m.: Community Cross Walk (meet at Franklinville Presbyterian Church, 11846 Franklinville Road)

NEXT SUNDAY: 4/20 Easter Sunday

- 6:30 a.m. – Sunrise at the Cemetery
- 6:30 – 10:00 a.m. – Breakfast in the Hall
- 8:00 a.m. – Chapel
- 9:30 a.m. – Egg Hunt; Sunday School meet in Hall
- 10:45 a.m. - Sanctuary/online

Confirmation Class Trip: Our Confirmation Class is going to Lovely Lane United Methodist Church (known as the Mother Church of American Methodism) on Sunday, April 27 to attend the 11 a.m. worship service. After worship we will take a tour and learn about our United Methodist heritage. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pastor Stacey this week.

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