

Salem United Methodist Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 23, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 118: 14, 24)

“The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” We offer our worship in the spirit of our Risen Christ!

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Glorious God, source of joy and righteousness, enable us as redeemed and forgiven children evermore to rejoice in singing your praises. Grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may practice in our lives; so that being doers of the Word and not hearers only, we may receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC “In the Garden” #314

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 John 20:11-18 (NRSVUE)

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

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE “The Joy We Share”

*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 DEDICATION (in unison): **Gracious God, thank you for all your blessings, especially the gift of your unfailing grace. All that we are, and all that we have is entrusted to us from you. In gratitude for your generosity, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, remembering Christ’s offering for us. Bless us in the work you call us to do in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC “O Jesus, I Have Promised” #396

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Irish Blessing” arr. Moore
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

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:

John Sivey, Liturgist

Rick Dusek, Tech Team Producer

Mark Hurley, Musician

Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

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, 8/24 – Prepaid Shrimp Boil RSVPs due

Monday, 8/24 7:00 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study - Acts 22:30 - 23:11 (Zoom only: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>)

Monday, 8/24 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Tuesday, 8/25 9:30 a.m. – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)

Wednesday, 8/26 6:30 p.m. – Vespers (outdoors; weather permitting)

Saturday, 8/29 4:00-6:00 p.m. – Low Country Shrimp Boil (Hall)

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

Sunday, 8/30 – Donations due for Back-to-School drive to support Magnolia Elementary Families; please see bulletin insert or our website for specific items being collected.

Sunday, 8/30 – Blessing of Backpacks at both services; Sunday School resumes at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, 9/12 8:00-10:15 a.m. – Breakfast Bash (Hall)

Low Country Shrimp Boil: The Low Country Shrimp Boil will be held Saturday, August 29th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person, and meals are available for eat-in or carry-out. *Prepaid RSVPs with your meal time are due August 24th.* Forms are available in the chapel or narthex – or make your reservation and pay online at salemunited.org/shrimiboil.



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UPPER FALLS, MD

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