

Salem United Methodist Church

May 4, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 30)

“Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to God’s holy name. God has turned our mourning into dancing; God has taken off our sackcloth and clothed us with joy. So our souls may praise and give thanks to God forever.” We offer our praise and worship to our God who makes all things new.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **O Spirit of the Living God, we thank you and praise you for your presence with us. We are grateful that the Risen Christ journeys with us, bringing us new life, courage, and hope. Open our hearts to be aware of your loving presence, and to recognize you in our worship and our daily lives. Remind us of your faithfulness to us and unite us in love. Fill us with your peace. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC “Fill My Cup, Lord” #641

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

BLESSING OF BABY HATS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 21:1-14 (CEB)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE “Fed by The Risen Jesus”

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

We believe this is God’s table, and all are welcome. We invite you to join us in receiving God’s gifts through the grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ. If you prefer prepackaged wafer/juice, please ask an usher.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **God of grace and glory, we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions, but by our readiness to live boldly by faith. Help us, as individuals and as a congregation, to trust you and follow where you lead, that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. Amen.**

WORDS OF PARDON

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION “Come to the Table” (see screen)
Remember Me (see screen)

*DOXOLOGY #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT (in unison): **God of new beginnings, accept our thanks and praise for feeding us at your holy table. We celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Savior and the new life that is ours by your gracious forgiveness and merciful redemption. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others. We place ourselves and our gifts in your hands. Bless this offering for the work of sharing the good news of our Risen Savior. As we live into your promise of new life, help us to respond to new opportunities of loving and serving you; in the name of our Living Lord. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC “Easter People, Raise Your Voices” #304

*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

Our Unison Prayer of Confession was written by Ruth C. Duck and is taken from The United Methodist Book of Worship. Our Communion liturgy is adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship. All are used by permission of The United Methodist Publishing House.

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

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.

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Susan Walker, Liturgist
Larry Tackenberg, Tech Team Producer
Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director
Katy Stevens, Director of Music
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@salemunited.org)

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

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

Monday, 5/5 – Mother's Day Flowers prepaid orders due (\$5 each, red only; forms in narthex & online)

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

Wednesday, 5/7 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Office)

Wednesday, 5/7 6:30 p.m. – Vespers

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

Sunday, 5/18 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Pit Beef, Turkey, and Pulled Pork Sandwich Sale

Wednesday, 5/21 7:00 p.m. – Church Council meeting (Salem Room)

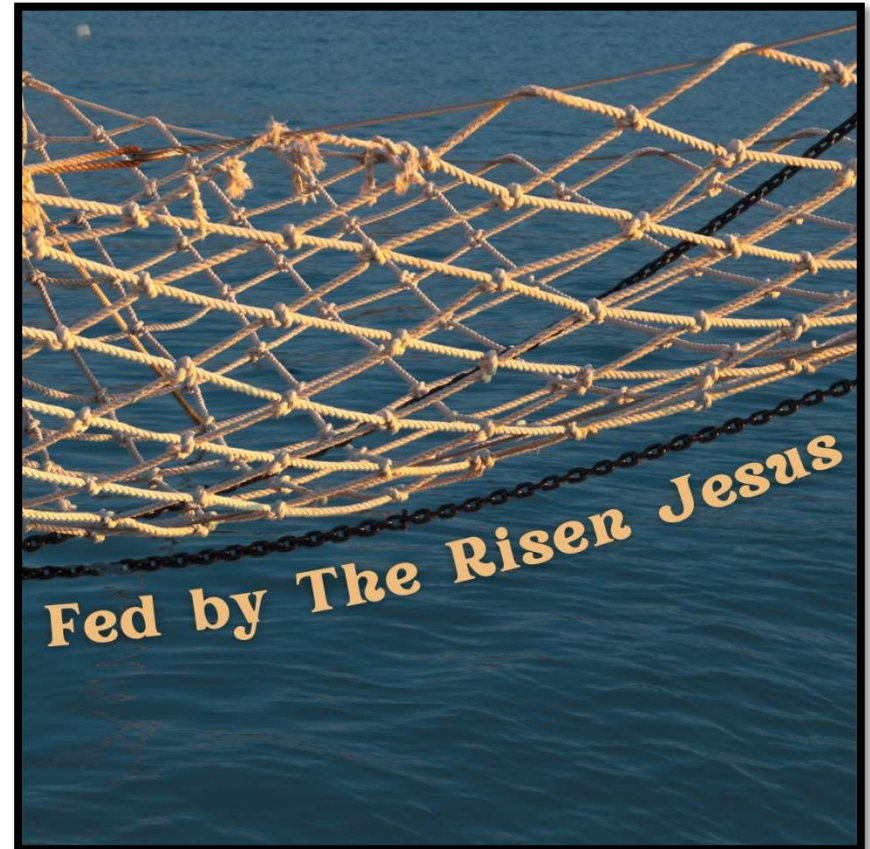
Sunday, 6/1 – Graduate Recognition Sunday (both services)

Sunday, 6/8 – Pentecost (both services; please wear red or orange)

Sunday, 6/8 – Confirmation Sunday (10:45 a.m. service)

Mother's Day Flowers: We will once again be offering red geraniums for Mother's Day. Prepaid orders are due Monday, May 5th. Order forms can be found in the narthex or at salemunited.org. Flowers may be taken home after the 10:45 a.m. service on May 11th.

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