

Salem United Methodist Church

May 18, 2025

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 30)

“Sing praises to the Lord, O his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. O Lord, our God, we will give thanks to you forever.” We offer our worship in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ!

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 “This is the Spirit’s Entry Now” #608

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM pp. 39-43

HYMN OF WELCOME “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” #611

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 2 Corinthians 5:16-20 (CEB)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

“New Things”

*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 the glorious resurrection of our Savior. We hear your call and thank you for the courage to continue Christ’s work in our world. We bring our offerings as a way to participate in 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 we make this offering and dedicate our lives. Amen.

*CLOSING MUSIC

“He Lives” #310

*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.

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

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Judy Jones, 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 at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel. **Junior Church** begins after the Children's Message.

Today: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Pit Beef, Turkey, and Pulled Pork Sandwich Sale (Parking Lot)

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

Monday, 5/19 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)
Wednesday, 5/21 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Office)
Wednesday, 5/21 6:30 p.m. – Vespers
Wednesday, 5/21 7:00 p.m. – Church Council meeting (Salem Room)

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

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)

Graduate Recognition Sunday: On Sunday, June 1st we will be recognizing December 2024 or May/June 2025 graduates. If you a graduate you would like to be recognized, please send their name, a photo of them, and the school from which they are graduating to Tara in the office (salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com) by Tuesday, May 27.



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UPPER FALLS, MD

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

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