

Salem United Methodist Church

Sunday May 3, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Family of God, we gather to join our voices with all creation:

People: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

L: God is our Creator who loves us and cares for us.

P: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

L: God is our Saviour who redeems us and teaches us to boldly love one another as God loves us.

P: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

L: God is our Advocate who sustains us and empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

P: Make a joyful noise, all the earth! Serve God with gladness!

L: Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone – God is with us!

All: We come to worship God by boldly loving and joyfully serving, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ who transform the world. Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026)

*OPENING MUSIC

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” #89

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Gracious God, we praise you for raising Jesus Christ in resurrection glory and power. Raise us into new life, form us into your people, and fill us with the power of your Spirit. Give us grace and courage to follow Jesus Christ boldly and joyfully. Teach us to love as you love us. May we give witness to our Savior by the way we live each day; in his holy name we pray. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DEDICATION OF LAP QUILTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” arr. Pethel

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 10:42-45 (NRSV)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

“We Serve Joyfully”

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

We believe this is God's table, and all are welcome. If you prefer prepackaged wafer/juice, please ask an usher.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

(#890 in The United Methodist Hymnal)

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

“I Come With Joy” #617

“He Is Exalted” #2070 (TFWS)

#94

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: 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 are grateful for the new life that is ours in your grace. Teach us how to follow Jesus faithfully and be your church in the world today. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others. We offer ourselves and our gifts in the name of our Living Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC

“Here I Am, Lord” #593

*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

Welcome to Salem United Methodist Church! Thank you for joining us today in worship. 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
Katy Stevens, Musician
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@salemunited.org)

Scott Shelton, Tech Team Director
Bryan Niles, Tech Team Producer

Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Junior Church begins after the Children's Message.

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

Monday, 5/4 – Mother's Day prepaid flower orders due (forms in narthex & at salemunited.org)

Monday, 5/4 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Tuesday, 5/5 9:30 a.m. – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)

Wednesday, 5/6 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Office)

Wednesday, 5/6 6:30 p.m. – Vespers (outdoors; weather permitting)

Upcoming

Saturday, 5/16 11:00 a.m. – Vicky Alluisi Celebration of Life

Sunday, 5/24 10:45 a.m. service – Community Pentecost Worship Celebration with St. John's Episcopal Church outdoors on the lawn; pot luck lunch

Mother's Day Flowers: Prepaid flower orders of \$5.00 per plant (red geraniums only) are due Monday, May 4th. Order forms can be found in the narthex or at salemunited.org.

Graduate Recognition Sunday is May 31: Please send the name/school of graduates to Tara at salemunitedupperfalls@gmail.com by May 25th so we can honor them. Also, please submit a picture of each graduate to be used as a part of our PowerPoint during 10:45 a.m. service.

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