

# Salem United Methodist Church

Sunday April 12, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 119:1-8)

“Happy are those who keep God’s laws, and who seek God with their whole heart.” We offer our worship and our lives for God’s honor and glory. Praise God with glad and generous hearts!

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Gracious God, we praise you for raising Jesus Christ in resurrection glory and power. Raise us into new life, and form us into your people. 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.**

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

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 Luke 5:1-11 (CEB)

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

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

MESSAGE “We are Formed by Jesus”

\*RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Family of God, like Peter, James, and John, Jesus calls to us from the shorelines and the sidelines of life. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

**People: Yes, we will follow!**

L: Jesus calls us to work together, to build up the Body of Christ as we mature in faith. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

**P: Yes, we will follow!**

L: Jesus calls us to grow, to become disciples formed in the likeness of Christ. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

**P: Yes, we will follow!**

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

**All: Today we choose once again to leave everything behind and follow Christ, who forms us as disciples, that we may live as disciples who transform the world. Amen.**

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

\*DOXOLOGY #94

**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 DEDICATION (in unison): **God of new beginnings, accept our thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of our Savior. 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. Accept the offering of all our gifts. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others; in the name of our Living Lord, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\*CLOSING MUSIC “We Are the Church” #558 v. 1 and 4

\*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:

Ellie Brown, Liturgist  
Rick Dusek, Tech Team Director  
Katy Stevens, Director of Music  
Bryan Niles, Tech Team Producer  
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor ([pastor@salemunited.org](mailto:pastor@salemunited.org))

**Choir** rehearses on Sunday mornings 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](http://salemunited.org))

*Monday, 4/13 7:30 p.m.* – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

*Tuesday, 4/14 9:30 a.m.* – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)

*Wednesday, 4/15 10:00 a.m.* – Morning Bible Study (Office)

*Wednesday, 4/15 1:00 p.m.* – Book Club (call office for details)

*Wednesday, 4/15 6:30 p.m.* – Vespers (outdoors; weather permitting)

*Friday, 4/17 11:30 a.m.* – Women Moving On (call office for details)

**Upcoming**

*Wednesday, 4/22 7:00 p.m.* – Unified Leadership Board Meeting (Salem Room)

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

**Mother's Day Flowers:** We will once again be offering red geraniums for Mother's Day. Prepaid orders of \$5.00 per plant are due Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Order forms can be found in the narthex or at [salemunited.org](http://salemunited.org). Flowers may be taken home after the 10:45 a.m. service on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**First Quarter Giving Statements:** First quarter giving statements were emailed on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9am. If you have not received your statement, please check your spam/junk folders. Please contact Karen Sersen with any questions.

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