

# Salem United Methodist Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16:11)

“You show us the path of life. In your presence, O God, there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” We offer our worship to our Risen Savior with joy and thanksgiving.

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.**

(Taken from The United Methodist Hymnal #69)

\*OPENING MUSIC “Lord of the Dance” #261

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

BLESSING OF THE LAP QUILTS

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 Acts 2:22-24, 32-36 (NRSVUE)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

“I Am the Life”

\*DOXOLOGY

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**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

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” #172

\*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:

Judy Jones, Liturgist                      Scott Shelton, Tech Team Producer  
Katy Stevens, Music Director              Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director  
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor ([pastor@salemunited.org](mailto:pastor@salemunited.org))

**Choir** rehearses on Sundays 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, 9/14 7:00 p.m.* – Pastor's Bible Study - Acts 28:17-31 (Zoom only:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>)

*Monday, 9/14 7:30 p.m.* – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

*Tuesday, 9/15 9:30 a.m.* – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)

*Wednesday, 9/16 10:00 a.m.* – Morning Bible Study (Church Office)

*Wednesday, 9/16 6:30 p.m.* – Vespers (outdoors; weather permitting)

*Friday, 9/18 11:30 a.m.* – Women Moving On (call office for details)

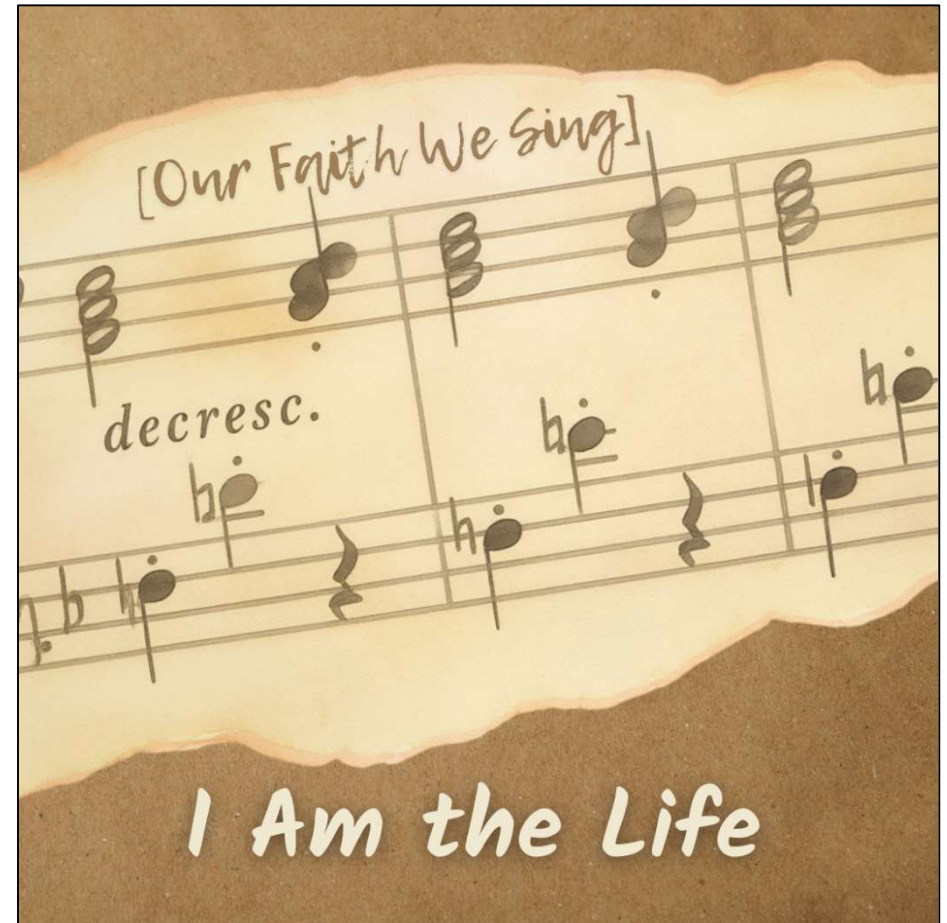
**Upcoming** (see our website for details: [salemunited.org](http://salemunited.org))

*Monday, 9/21 7:00 p.m.* – Unified Leadership Board Meeting (Conference Room)

*Sunday, 10/4 9:15-10:00 a.m. or 12:15-12:45 p.m.* – Blessing of the Animals  
(Please be sure your pet is leashed or in a carrier; other options - bring a picture; "stuffies" are welcome; parking lot)

*Tuesday, 10/6 all day* – Restaurant Day at DeSantis Pizza Grill & Bar (9638 Belair Road, Nottingham - no flyer needed; Salem receives 10% of all purchases)

**Calling all crocheters:** It's time to make baby hats to be delivered to local facilities that have a NICU. See Angela Spinner if you need a pattern; patterns should be for preemies. Hats will be collected through September and dedicated on October 18th. There is a bin in the narthex area to collect completed hats. Thank you in advance for your time and service!



**SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**UPPER FALLS, MD**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026**

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