

# Salem United Methodist Church

March 19, 2023

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 37)

“Trust in the Lord, and do good. Take delight in the Lord, and God will give you the desires of your heart.” We offer our praise and worship to the God of our salvation.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Most holy God, we offer our worship in response to your great love for us. During this season of Lent, we refocus our lives in following our Savior, Jesus. We confess that we have lost our way at times, and we have misplaced our values. Give us courage to trust in your unfailing grace so we may receive the gift of your forgiveness. Reorient us to live according to your will and way. Cleanse and strengthen our hearts for faithful living; in Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

\*OPENING MUSIC “This is My Father’s World” #144

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

CHOIR ANTHEM “How Deep the Father's Love For Us”

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 12:13-34 (NRSV)

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

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

MESSAGE

“Consider the Lilies”

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison): **Gracious God, we thank you for your grace and mercy. Most especially we thank you for the gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us to give generously of ourselves and our treasures in response to all your blessings. Teach us to store up eternal treasures in heaven. All glory and honor to you, O God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

\*DOXOLOGY #95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly hosts; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*CLOSING MUSIC “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded” #286

\*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.**

## ***SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD***

### **Our Worship Leaders Today:**

Jim Walker, Liturgist

Rick Dusek, Tech Team Producer

Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

Katy Stevens, Director of Music

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor

**Reminder:** Our Sanctuary worship services are live streamed to our website. There is a possibility you may appear on camera during this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Stacey or the tech team producer.

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

**Child Care** is available for our younger children during the 10:45 a.m. service in the nursery room downstairs. **Junior Church** begins after the Children's Message.

**THIS WEEK** (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 3/20 - Prepaid Soup Sale orders due (Forms online & in Narthex)

Monday, 3/20 7:00 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study (Office & Zoom)

Wednesday, 3/22 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Parlor)

Wednesday, 3/22 6:30 p.m. – Vespers (Outdoors, weather permitting)

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 26** (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

UWF Easter Egg Fundraiser Prepaid orders due (Forms online & in Narthex)

Congregational Information Session following each service (details below)

**UPCOMING** (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Tuesday, 3/28 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting (Salem Room)

Saturday, 4/1 8:00 a.m. – Spring Cleanup Day (Contact Jerry Sersen)

Thursday, 4/6 5:30 p.m. – Soup & Bread dinner (Hall)

Thursday, 4/6 7:00 p.m. – Holy Thursday service (In-person & live stream)

Friday, 4/7 1:00 p.m. – Community Cross Walk (Meet at Franklinville Presbyterian)

**March 26<sup>th</sup> Congregational Information Session:** This brief session will update you on two items: future plans for Salem's ministry and mission in regard to the discipleship pathway program, and address questions you may have about what is happening with The United Methodist Church. Our Church Council discussed both of these critical updates at our annual planning meeting, and we would like to share them with the congregation. Please plan to attend if you are interested.

**Lenten Offering:** Half of this year's Lenten offering will support Manna House. Open 365 days per year, Manna House provides a daily breakfast (more than 68,000 per year) and support to the homeless and poor of Baltimore. To donate, please mark your check "Lenten Offering," use a Lenten Offering envelope located at the back of the church or donate through our website (salemunited.org) and designate your donation "Lenten Offering."

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