

Salem United Methodist Church

April 21, 2024

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (refers to Psalm 103)

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God’s holy name.” God redeems us and satisfies us with good as long as we live so that our youth is renewed like the eagle’s. All honor, glory, and praise be to our God who makes all things new!

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Almighty and Loving God, you are our Creator. We place our trust in you to redeem us and make us new. Bring the miracle of Easter to our hearts and lives; bring your transforming power to our world. Give us courage to embrace Christ’s call to be raised to new life by the power of his resurrection. May we soar to new heights of faith, love, and service through your grace. In the name of Jesus, our Living Lord we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC “I Stand Amazed in the Presence” #371

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 John 19: 16-19, 25-27 (NRSVUE)

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

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

SONG “On Eagle’s Wings” #143 (chorus only)

MESSAGE “New Heights of Faith”

*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 COMMITMENT (in unison): **Eternal God, we give you thanks for your gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Fill us with resurrection power. We commit ourselves to following our Savior to new heights of faith, love, and service. In gratitude for your faithfulness, we offer ourselves and our gifts for your reconciling and renewing work in the world. Bless our offering that all may be used for your glory, and to witness to the new life Jesus Christ brings. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC “Wonderful Words of Life” #600

*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:

Scott Shelton, Liturgist

Larry Tackenberg, Team Producer

Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

Katy Stevens, Director of Music

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@salemunited.org)

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, 4/22 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Wednesday, 4/24 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Parlor)

Wednesday, 4/24 6:30 p.m. – Vespers (Outdoors, weather permitting)

Saturday, 4/27 11:00 a.m. – Memorial Service for Marian O'Neil

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

Sunday, 5/19 both services – Graduate Recognition: please submit names of high school, college, graduate school and trade school graduates to the church office

Sunday, 5/19 9:00 a.m. or noon – Adult and Child Paint Class – create a memory together! \$20 per pair (signup in narthex or call the office)

Wednesday, 5/22 7:00 p.m. – Church Council Meeting (Salem Room)

CALENDAR NOTES:

- The Night of Fun and Games, previously scheduled for May 3rd, has been cancelled.
- The Helping Hands Community Concert, previously scheduled for May 5th has been postponed. A new date has not yet been announced.



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Upper Falls, Md*

Sunday, April 21, 2024