

Salem United Methodist Church

October 4, 2026 - World Communion Sunday

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from the United Methodist Book of Worship)

L: Almighty God, from the ends of the earth you have gathered us around Christ's holy table.

ALL: We come to feast together.

L: Have mercy on your church, troubled and divided.

ALL: Renew us and make us one. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **O God, we join with our family in Christ around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

(from The United Methodist Book of Worship)

*OPENING MUSIC

"One Bread, One Body" #620

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NRSV)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

"One Table"

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. If you would like to be served in the pew, please let an usher know.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our**

neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. (from The United Methodist Hymnal, p. 8)

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

"Bind Us Together" TFWS #2226

*DOXOLOGY

#95

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 THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT (in unison): **Eternal God, we give you thanks and praise for this holy meal in which you have given yourself to us. We trust that you always provide for us by your great mercy. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and unite us as you have fed us with one heavenly food. In response to your redeeming grace, we offer ourselves and our service. Work through us and our gifts to bless your world; in Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC

"The Church's One Foundation" #545 v. 1,2,4,5

*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:

Judy Jones, Liturgist Scott Shelton, Tech Team Producer
Katy Stevens, Director of Music Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@saalemunited.org)

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

Junior Church begins after the Children's Message (Debbie Mattheu, leader)

Today 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; parking lot)

1:00 p.m. - Youth volunteering trip to Jarrettsville Sunflower Field

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

Monday, 10/5 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Tuesday, 10/6 9:30 a.m. – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)

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)

Wednesday, 10/7 10:00 a.m. – Morning Bible Study (Conference Room)

Wednesday, 10/7 No Vespers due to the Bishop's Day on our District (meeting at 7p.m. at Epworth Chapel UMC, 3317 St Lukes Lane, 21207)

Friday, 10/9 – Prepaid registrations for Paint Night due

Upcoming (see our website for details: saalemunited.org)

Friday, 10/16 6:30 p.m. – Paint Night (Fellowship Hall; \$30 per person; prepaid registrations due 10/9 – forms in narthex or sign up at saalemunited.org)

Join the Youth at the Sunflower Field: Our youth will be volunteering at the Jarrettsville Sunflower Field today! You're invited to join them at 1:00 p.m. The field is located at 3767 Norrisville Road, Jarrettsville.



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UPPER FALLS, MD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

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