

Salem United Methodist Church

May 15, 2022

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 130)

We hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem. We offer our worship to our God of new beginnings!

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **God of new life, we praise your holy name because of your faithfulness to us. You have raised Jesus Christ from the dead and given us the opportunity to receive abundant and eternal life. You create a community of love that supports and nurtures us in living our faith. May we embrace your gifts and trust in your promises. Make us bold to share the good news of Jesus Christ wherever you lead us. In the name of our Risen Lord we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING SONG "Hymn of Promise" #707

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.**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – United Women in Faith

ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 11:1-7, 17-44 (CEB)
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE "The Witness of Women"

*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): **Eternal God, by your grace you unite us with Christ in his resurrection. Accept our thanks and praise as we offer our gifts and our lives to you. We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ and profess our faith in your life-giving grace. May we bear witness to our Living Savior and your power at work in our lives. In his holy name we pray and make our offering to you. Amen.**

*CLOSING SONG "I Love to Tell the Story" #156

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Amy Krebs, Liturgist
Mark Carter, Tech Team Producer
Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director
Matthew Bunn, Director of Music
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor

Nursery care (for children ages five and under) is available during the 10:45 a.m. service in the nursery room downstairs.

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

Today – 11:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
Wednesday, 5/18 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (contact Judy for location)
Wednesday, 5/18 7:00 p.m. Outdoor Vespers (please bring a chair)
Thursday, 5/19 7:00 p.m. Choir
Saturday, 5/21 noon - Confirmation Class meets at Salem to attend Confirmation Rally at Lovely Lane UMC, Baltimore
Sunday, 5/22 Graduate Recognition Sunday (reception following the 10:45 a.m. service)
Sunday, 5/22 11:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School

Please contact Pastor Stacey with your prayer requests:
pastor@salemunited.org or 410-62 7-1944 (call/text).