

Salem United Church of Christ

German Reformed

231 Chestnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101



Present Building Erected 1821-22, Organized 1787

Welcome to Salem UCC

We're delighted that you have joined us for worship today. If you would like to receive a pastoral call or be put on our mailing list, please fill out a visitor card found in the aisle racks and place in the offering basket.

Parking

In addition to street parking, parking is available at the lot at the bottom of Dewberry Street. As you travel NE on Chestnut, pass 3rd street and take the next right onto Dewberry. The lot is on your left as you go around the bend.

Some Basics

Restrooms are located out the left door at the front of the sanctuary. Take a left and a quick right and you will find both the men's and women's restrooms off the hall to the church office on the left.

For your safety, yellow and red cards are placed at each pew with emergency procedures in case they are necessary. The church doors are closed 10:40. If you will arrive after that, please text your name and the time you will arrive to 717-319-8992 (Susan Nelson) and we will make sure you are welcomed at the door on the east side garden at the corner of Chestnut and 3rd.

Church Tours

Salem (from the Hebrew word for peace) has been a congregation committed to loving God and serving others for more than 200 years. For information on a tour, please contact one of our ushers.

Our information

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Salem United Church of Christ
April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday

Our Mission

"Historic Salem, in the heart of Harrisburg, seeks the Holy Spirit's guidance in welcoming all people to worship God; by encouraging participation in the ministry of Christ through Christian outreach with the city's heart."

*Please rise as you are able.

Welcome and Pre-liturgy Announcements

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

*Call to Worship

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: We bless you from the house of the Lord.

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

P: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession.

L: You are our God, and we will give thanks to you

P: You are our God, and we will extol You.

L: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord

P: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!

* Opening Hymn: *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

Black 213

Prayer of Invocation

L: As the people spread their coats palm branches on the ground to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, so we welcome you into our lives this morning, King of Glory, King of Peace, Servant King. Reign in our hearts and lives this day and all days, that we might praise your holy name. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

ALL: Hosanna in the highest!

L: Let us continue in our prayer of confession:

All: All-loving God, to you we cry "Hosanna," save us! Save us from our lack of faith, from our indifference to those around us, from systems of violence which enslave us, and from the ways in which we harm ourselves and others. Fill us with the Spirit of your son, Jesus Christ, who lived in love to bring us your salvation. In his holy name, We pray, Amen.

Kyrie



Assurance of Pardon

M: When we confess our sins, God, who is gracious, forgives us our sins, and gives us grace to live in love.

Solo

Let the Gates of the City

Hal Hopson

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Psalm 31:9-16

⁹ Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress;
my eyes grow weak with sorrow,
my soul and body with grief.

¹⁰ My life is consumed by anguish
and my years by groaning;
my strength fails because of my affliction,
and my bones grow weak.

¹¹ Because of all my enemies,
I am the utter contempt of my neighbors
and an object of dread to my closest friends—
those who see me on the street flee from me.

¹² I am forgotten as though I were dead;
I have become like broken pottery.

¹³ For I hear many whispering,
"Terror on every side!"

They conspire against me
and plot to take my life.

¹⁴ But I trust in you, LORD;
I say, "You are my God."

¹⁵ My times are in your hands;
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,
from those who pursue me.

¹⁶ Let your face shine on your servant;
save me in your unfailing love.

New Testament: Philippians 2:5-11

The Nature of God

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

*Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

²⁸ After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰ "Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

³² Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

³⁴ They replied, "The Lord needs it."

³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷ When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸ "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"
"Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!"

⁴⁰ "I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out."

Sermon

What Needs Saving?

Hymn of Response

I Need You Every Hour

Black 517, 1,2,4

Prayers of the People and Lord's prayer (debts and debtors)

M: Let us continue in worship as we pray for the church and the world. Gracious God, our world still needs to be saved. There are still wars and famines; there is still genocide and hatred for those who are not like us. Merciful God, Grant that your church would live out its call to bring your good news to every part of our human sphere...Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

M: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations in the ways of justice and peace. Save us from those who use power for their own means instead of for the common good and may righteous leaders rise up in their place...Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

M: We pray for our church, and the other churches in Harrisburg, and thank you for the privilege of serving in your name. Open our hearts and minds to ways we may support, encourage and include all those who live near us, no matter their differences. May your

kingdom of inclusive love come through us here at Salem...Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

M: Lord, save our planet. Be merciful to all of us, animals, plants and humans who inhabit this good earth. Grant us wisdom in how to care for our world, so we may continue to live in harmony with creation...Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

M: Bless all those whose lives are connected to ours. May we willingly love and serve each other, and may we be good neighbors to all we meet...Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

M: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Grant them access to good medical care and wisdom for their caregivers. We remember friends and family of Salem who need your presence and your healing touch, who we name silently or out loud...Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

M: We remember those who have passed from this life to the next, commending them to your care. Comfort us in our grief and grant us the hope of the resurrection...Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

M: We offer these prayers in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying...**Our Father which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

M: Faithful God, you have promised to give us what we need. And through our joyful gifts you meet the needs of this church and of those whom we serve. Receive our offerings today and multiply them for your kingdom. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn:

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Red 135

*Benediction

Extinguishing of Candles

Postlude

Today's special bulletins covers are from Joann Smith and dedicated to the memory of her mother and father, Kay and John Pressley.

Our palm crosses are woven by villagers near Masasi, Tanzania, and sold across America to fund basic humanitarian projects, such as medical aid, education and vocational training, and operate a community water supply. Volunteers with St. James Episcopal Church in Olney, Maryland, package and distribute the crosses throughout the U.S., sending all profits back to support this African community.

THOSE SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Organist: Caleb Sisak

Worship Leader & Lay Reader: Linda Farr

Soloist: Joe Sobel

Ushers: Tom & Linda Farr

Pastor: Rev. Sue Schmidt

CALENDAR

Today Palm Sunday

9 a.m.: Prayer in the Parlor; 9:15 a.m.: Adult Sunday School;

10:30 a.m. Worship

Consistory meets after the service

April 13 10 a.m. to noon: Volunteer in Salem's Closet

April 15 Noon - Good Friday Service (street parking is free).

April 17 Easter Sunday

6:30 a.m.: Shared Sunrise Service at Kunkel Plaza (Front & State streets)

No Sunday School
10:30 a.m.: Worship

April 20 10 a.m. to noon: Volunteer in Salem's Closet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Central collecting items for Ukraine

Mission Central in Mechanicsburg is collecting items to help with the Ukrainian relief effort. A collection box is at the back of the Sanctuary. Needed items include:

- Wound Care Items
- Small First Aid Kits
- Band-Aids
- Gauze Rolls and Pads
- Non-Adhesive Dressings
- Alcohol Swabs/Pads

UCC Homes 26th annual "Helping Hands" event

The UCC Homes "Helping Hands" luncheon and auction to benefit the Benevolent Endowment Trust Fund will be held Saturday, May 7, at the Hershey Country Club. Please consider joining Salem's group for lunch in person at \$50 each or viewing and bidding on auction items online for \$10. For more information see Darlene Hillegas.

CCU Highmark Walk

Walk with us! Pray for us! Make a donation! Salem's team, the "First Timers," will join this year's Highmark Walk to raise money for Christian Churches United on Saturday, May 21 at HACC's Harrisburg Campus. For more information, contact Mary Frances O'Keefe at 717-649-2230 or go directly to the website, www.ccuahbg.org/walk

Salem's Newsletter

Joann Smith has graciously agreed to edit future newsletters for the church. If you have an item to share for the May/June edition, please email Joann by April 15 at dsmith2607@comcast.net

Volunteers are Welcome

Volunteer opportunities abound at Salem. In addition to the clothing bank, help is always needed in the garden, in the office, serving on consistory, and with the service – including lighting the candles and preparing communion. If you'd like to help, see Pastor Sue.

Altar Flowers

Flowers for the altar are \$35 and can be used for two weeks. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hall.

Wellspring Pastoral Counseling

Did you know there is pastoral counseling at Salem church? Pastoral counseling services are available for individuals, families, and couples with concerns, such as: anxiety, depression, feelings of shame and guilt, spirituality, or grief and loss. Appointments are available Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (evening hours are also available.) For more information, contact: Scott M. Watts, MS, LPC, NCC, call 717-443-7426 or email: wellspringpc@outlook.com.