

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

Website: www.salemuccharrisburg.org

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Salem United Church of Christ
April 17, 2022
Easter 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

Tolling of the bell

*Call to Worship

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

P: Christ is risen indeed!

L: Darkness has been vanquished!

P: The light of hope has come!

L: Sing with joyful hearts, Love has conquered sin and death!

ALL: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

*Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Red 167

Prayer of Invocation

L: All-Loving, All-Powerful God. You have shown yourself merciful and triumphant. Christ is risen! Fear is gone! Death has been overcome! The new age has arrived, and the kingdom is come with power! Praise to you, Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen and Amen.

Easter Anthem *The Trumpets Shall Sound*

Marti L Lantz, David Lantz III

*Nicene Creed

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

HALLELUJAH!!

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

L: Having affirmed our faith, let us now come to God, with open hearts to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness.

All: Jesus, we want to be your resurrection people. We confess that there are things in our lives that need to die so that we may rise with you into new life. Continue your gracious restoration work within us, even as you remind us of your great love toward us.

Kyrie



Assurance of Pardon

M: May the joy of God fill your heart today. You are loved, you are forgiven, you are part of God's restoration of the world.

Solo

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth

Samuel Medley

(Please join with the soloist on the fourth verse)

*He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same
Oh the sweet joy this sentence gives,
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"*

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Psalm 118:15-24

- ¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory
resound in the tents of the righteous:
"The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!
¹⁶ The LORD's right hand is lifted high;
the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"
¹⁷ I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.
¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.
¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous;
I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.
²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD
through which the righteous may enter.
²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.
²² The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
²³ the LORD has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.
²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day;
let us rejoice today and be glad.

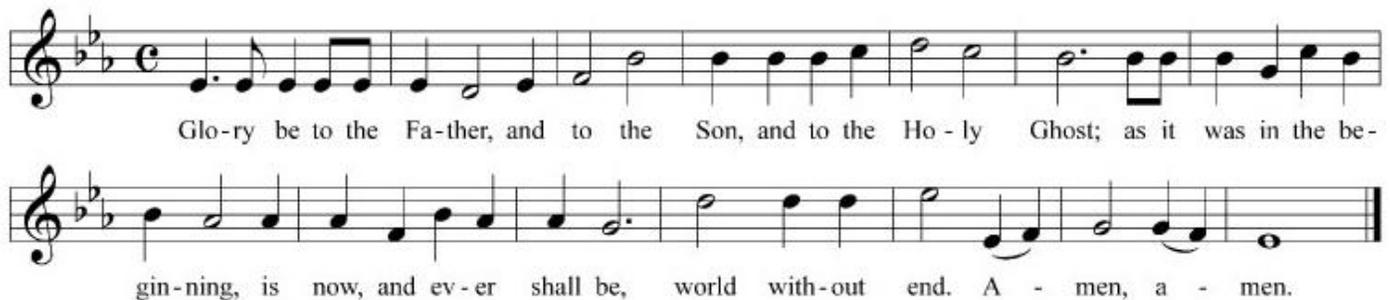
New Testament: Acts 10:34-43

- ³⁴ Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and

does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

³⁹ “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. ⁴¹ He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gloria Patri



The Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Jesus Has Risen

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵ In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men

said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" ⁸ Then they remembered his words.

⁹ When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰ It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹² Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Sermon

V-Day

Hymn of Response

What Wondrous Love is This

Black 223

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

M: Rejoicing in the mighty power of God who has given us hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray.

P: For our lives and for those whom we love, for the beauty of this planet which God has created for us, for our families and our friendships, for homes and work, and all good gifts, we give you thanks, Lord Christ...

M: Risen Lord, Hear our praise!

P: We pray for your church, O Christ, for those who serve in and through the church, that we may live in the power of the resurrection and bring good news of your life-changing love to all people...

M: Risen Lord, Hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the leaders of the nations and peoples of the world, that they would care for those under them. We pray against the pull of power and greed, and for openness to your spirit's guidance in choosing the path of peace and prosperity for all...

M: Risen Lord, Hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those who are sick or struggling in whatever way, that you may give them healing and hope. May they draw near to you, knowing that through Christ, you shared our pain and suffering...

M: We pray especially for....Risen Lord, Hear our prayer.

P: We pray for those who have passed from this life to the next that they may rest in the love and light of God. We ask that those who grieve them may find hope and comfort in the power of the resurrection...

M: Risen Lord, Hear our prayer.

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.

Dedication of the Offering

M: Blessed are you, Triune God, who holds all things in your hands. As you have given us new life through Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Take these gifts and multiply them for your kingdom, we pray. **Amen.**
(Please be seated)

Solo *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees* arr Gordon Myers

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

M: Jesus said: Greater love has no one than they lay down their life for their friends.

P: As friends of Jesus, we come with thanksgiving to share his life and love.

M: This is the Lord's Table. It is not the Table of Salem Church or the United Church of Christ. All who believe in Jesus are invited to partake in the feast which He has prepared.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

M: Let us pray: Wonderful God, on this most joyous of days we celebrate your faithfulness. In love you gave your Son, Jesus our Savior to live and die for us. He has brought us back into your family, to share forever in your life of love. Together we join with all the saints and angels in saying:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

M: On the night on which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body." Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

M: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our hearts may be opened, and we may know again the power of Christ's love.

ALL: Amen.

Breaking the Bread / Pouring the Cup

M: Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of the new covenant, we receive forgiveness and grace.

Communion of the People

M: The body of Christ, given for you. Take and eat.

P: Amen.

M: The blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.

P: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer (Please rise)

ALL: We thank you, all-gracious God, for the gift of life. Through the willing death of Jesus we see his great love. Through the Spirit we participate in the resurrection life of Christ and have been born anew.

Death has been conquered and fear no longer has a hold over us. Christ has risen. Alleluia!

Closing Hymn *Alleluia, Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven*

Red 174

Benediction

Extinguishing of Candles

Postlude

The lilies on the altar are given by Bob Deibler. "Praise God, He is risen."

The special bulletin covers are sponsored by Richard & Sherrie Veet.
" Alleluia! Our Redeemer lives."

THOSE SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Organist: Caleb Sisak

Worship Leader: Darlene Hillegas

Soloists: Joseph Sobel, Cathy Morgan

Lay Reader: Jeff Smith

Ushers and Greeters: Richard & Sherrie Veet

Pastor: Sue Schmidt

Acolyte: Makayla Long

Choir members: Joe Sobel, Claudia Dubaldi, Nancy Kent, Susan and Steve Nelson, Jennifer Moore, and John Polheber

CALENDAR

Today Easter Sunday
10:30 a.m.: Worship

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

Apr 24 9 a.m.: Prayer in the Parlor; 9:15 a.m.: Adult Sunday School;
10:30 a.m. Worship

Apr 27 10 a.m. to noon: Volunteer in Salem's Closet

- May 1 9 a.m.: Prayer in the Parlor;
9:15 a.m.: Adult Sunday School. Join us as we start a three-part series on Paul by watching and discussing *Paul, Apostle of Christ*.
10:30 a.m. Worship
Fellowship time in the Chapel after the service. Stay afterwards for spring cleaning/to work in the garden.
- May 5 10 a.m. to noon: Volunteer in Salem's Closet
- May 7 10 a.m. to noon: Salem's Closet is Open to the public. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Susan Nelson @ 717-319-8992.
- May 8 9 a.m.: Prayer in the Parlor; 9:15 a.m.: Adult Sunday School.
10:30 a.m. Worship
- May 10 Fellowship Committee meets

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UCC Homes 26th annual "Helping Hands" event

The UCC Homes Benevolent Endowment Trust Fund's annual Helping Hands luncheon and auction 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

Serve at Salem

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.

Support for Ukraine

Thank you to all who donated items to help support those suffering from the war in Ukraine. Mission Central volunteers shared a note they received this week:

Dear Team at Mission Central,

I'm a British volunteer in Ukraine and yesterday my team and I took food and humanitarian supplies into Bucha - to people who, as they told us, hadn't seen bread for 39 days. They have endured unimaginable things and their bravery was unbelievable.

We checked every box in our van to see what was inside, to see what was needed where most, and so we came across your cards with your address on them. I just thought you might like to know that your care packages have gone to one of the hardest hit places in Ukraine. Today we took the other half of them to villages north of Kyiv, who have been cut off from supplies for a long time.

Sending you all warm wishes, and God bless you.

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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.

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.



EASTER FLOWERS

In celebration of Easter, the flowers in the Sanctuary are dedicated to the following:

Lilies:

Sherrie & Richard Veet, in memory of Alice & Frank Foltz
Bryan, Nancy & Mia Taylor, in memory of Sandy Sgrignoli
Tom & Linda Farr, in memory of Glen & Eva Crowel

Daffodils:

Gidge Geegee, in memory of my parents, Goldie and Tony Geegee
Janet Kelley, in memory of Joseph & Eleanor Kelley
Claudia Dubaldi, in memory of family and friends who have passed.
John & Laurie Sisak, in memory of Eleanor & George Sisak and Eleanor & Bill Kellogg
Tom & Linda Farr, in memory of Evelyn & Mark Deswald

Tulips:

Sherrie Veet & Jan Lang, in memory of Pearl and John Zellers
Claudia Dubaldi, in memory of family and friends who have passed

Darlene Hillegas, in memory of George P. Hillegas Jr., Phyllis Walker, Sorata Hillegas, Lester & Evelyn Wirt

Joann Smith, in memory of John M. Pressley, Kay S. Pressley, John K. Pressley and Lynn Pressley Zerbe

Bryan, Nancy & Mia Taylor, in memory of Rick Moore

Susan & Steve Nelson, in memory of members of both sides of our family who have passed

Tammy Sunde, in memory of friend, Ron Travitz, and mother, Sue Sunde

Tom & Linda Farr, in memory of Ray Farr

Janet Kelley, in memory of my sister, Heather Ann Kelley

Those that purchased flowers may take them home after today's service.