

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 at 10:40. If you arrive after that, please knock and someone will let you in.

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.

Connecting

Website: www.salemuccharrisburg.org

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Salem United Church of Christ
September 25, 2022
16th Sunday after Pentecost

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 (based on Psalm 146)

L: Praise the LORD, praise the LORD, O my Soul

P: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God my whole life long.

L: Happy are those who help is in the LORD their God

P: Who made heavens and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

L: You give justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry and set the prisoners free.

P: The LORD will reign forever; our God is exalted for all generations.

All: Praise the LORD!

*Opening Hymn

All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Black 7

Prayer of Invocation

L: Mighty, creating, faithful God, we come to worship you today. We thank you for your goodness to us. We welcome you, Holy Spirit into this place and open our hearts to hear your words of life.

Prayer of Confession

P: Loving God, you know our hearts and our thoughts. You know what we can be proud of this week, and what we regret. May we find delight in what you are doing in us through your Spirit. In your love, forgive us our failings in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

Kyrie



Words of Assurance

M: When we call out to God, God answers our prayers. Our sins are forgiven and we are given grace to live in God's ways.

Duet

Promised Land

Natalie Sleeth

Scripture Lessons

OT Reading: 1 Chronicles 22:6-13

David's charge to Solomon

⁶ Then he called for his son Solomon and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. ⁷ David said to Solomon: "My son, I had it in my heart to build a house for the Name of the LORD my God. ⁸ But this word of the LORD came to me: 'You have shed much blood and have fought many wars. You are not to build a house for my Name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in my sight. ⁹ But you will have a son who will be a man of peace and rest, and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every

side. His name will be Solomon, and I will grant Israel peace and quiet during his reign. ¹⁰ He is the one who will build a house for my Name. He will be my son, and I will be his father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

¹¹ "Now, my son, the LORD be with you, and may you have success and build the house of the LORD your God, as he said you would. ¹² May the LORD give you discretion and understanding when he puts you in command over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God. ¹³ Then you will have success if you are careful to observe the decrees and laws that the LORD gave Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged.

NT Reading: James 3:17-18

God's wisdom

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Children's Moment

This week's memory verse: Matthew 5:9

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

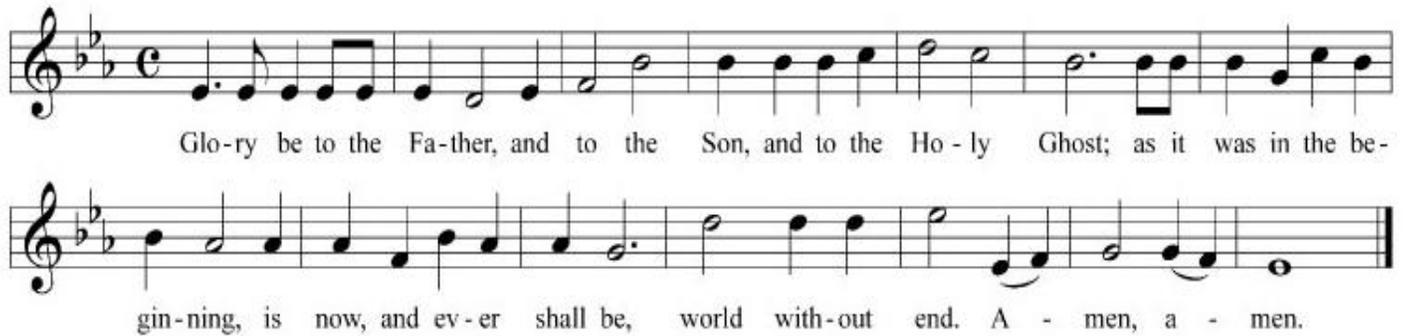
The Fruit of the Spirit Song

Galatians 5:22, 23, 25

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
Patience, kindness, goodness
The fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness,
gentleness and self-control. (2nd time end here)

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step,
Keep in step with the Spirit.
Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step
Keep in step with the Spirit (back to beginning)

*Gloria Patri



Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

*The Gospel: John 14:23-27

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Sermon

Rev. Carrie Call

Hymn of Response

Let There Be Peace on Earth

J. Jackson; S. Miller

431-UMH Let There Be Peace on Earth

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Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with

The first system of music is in 3/4 time. The treble clef part begins with a G4 quarter note, followed by a dotted quarter note (A4), and then a half note (B4). The bass clef part begins with a G3 quarter note, followed by a dotted quarter note (A3), and then a half note (B3). The lyrics are: "Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with".

me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was

The second system of music continues the melody. The treble clef part has a half note (B4), a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note (C5), and a half note (D5). The bass clef part has a half note (B3), a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note (C4), and a half note (D4). The lyrics are: "me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was".

meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor,

The third system of music continues the melody. The treble clef part has a half note (D5), a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note (E5), and a half note (F5). The bass clef part has a half note (D3), a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note (E3), and a half note (F3). The lyrics are: "meant to be. *With God our cre - a - tor,".

chil - dren all are we. Let us

The fourth system of music continues the melody. The treble clef part has a half note (F5), a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note (G5), and a half note (A5). The bass clef part has a half note (G3), a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note (A3), and a half note (B3). The lyrics are: "chil - dren all are we. Let us".

walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.

The fifth system of music concludes the melody. The treble clef part has a half note (A5), a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note (B5), and a half note (C6). The bass clef part has a half note (C4), a quarter rest, a dotted quarter note (D4), and a half note (E4). The lyrics are: "walk with each oth - er in per - fect har - mo - ny.".

*Original words: With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

WORDS: By Miller and Jill Jackson

WORLD PEACE

Let peace be - gin with me; let this be the mo - ment

now. With ev - ery step I take, let

this be my sol - emn vow: to take each mo - ment and

live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it be - gin with me.

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

L: Let us pray for the church of God throughout the world:

P: God of all grace, open our hearts more fully to your Spirit, so that we may be one with you in heart and mind.

M: Let us pray for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people:

P: God of peace, we pray for peace in our own lives, for peace in our families. We pray for peace in our city of Harrisburg, and in our nation. Give us wisdom to know how best to curb violence in our country.

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, and all nations who suffer from wars, famine and natural disasters.

M: Let us pray for our earth:

P: Creator God, we pray that you would bring our natural world into order. We pray that you would give us wisdom to know what changes we should take as people and nations. But we also pray for things which are beyond our control, that you would have mercy on us and calm the storms, bring the rains, and heal our planet.

M: Let us pray for the poor, the sick, and all who are oppressed:

P: Lord Jesus, you came to bring good news to the poor, to heal the sick, and to free those who were oppressed. Be at work among those who need your touch.

M: We pray especially for.....and those we now mention silently in our own prayers.

M: Let us pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God:

P: Spirit of God, draw all those who look for truth and peace to the Father. Give them the power to know how deeply they are loved. Grant them faith that their lives have a purpose.

M: Let us pray for all who have departed this world:

P: God of eternal love, we trust in your mercy and grace for all those who have finished their lives on this earth. We pray for their families and loved ones who grieve their loss. Bring them comfort and hope as we all wait for the resurrection of the dead and your kingdom to come.

M: We thank you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that you guide and hear our prayers. And we pray in the name of Jesus, 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: Gracious God, you are the giver of all good gifts. May we be generous givers and gladly give you back what you have blessed us with. Bless these offerings so your kingdom may come through Salem. **Amen.**

*Closing Hymn

Lead On, Eternal Sovereign

Black 573

*Benediction

*Extinguishing of Candles

Postlude (please remain seated until the conclusion of the postlude)

THOSE SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Sue Schmidt

Soloist: Joseph Sobel

Organist: Caleb Sisak

Acolyte: Jennifer Moore

Guest Preacher: Rev. Carrie Call

Worship Leader: Bob Deibler

Lay Reader: Darlene Hillegas

Ushers & Greeters: Joann Smith & Mark Miller

The flowers on the altar are placed in loving memory of my sister, Heather, by Janet Kelley.

Preaching today: We are delighted to have Rev. Carrie Call preaching at Salem today. Rev. Call has had responsibility for the administration of Penn Central Conference and the spiritual care of its pastors, churches, members and congregations since 2019. Previously, Dr. Call pastored Old First Church in Middletown, NJ, was an instructor in Psychology and Education at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, and authored *Spiritually Healthy Divorce*. She lives in Lancaster with her husband, Randall, who is Professor Emeritus of Reformation Studies at the University of Notre Dame as well as an adjunct faculty member in Church History at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

CALENDAR

Sept. 25 Rev. Carrie Call (Penn Central Conference Minister) preaching
9:15 a.m.; Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m.; Worship.
Consistory meets after service

Sept. 27 1:30 Fellowship committee meets

Sept. 28 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteer in Salem's Closet (For additional times to volunteer, please contact Susan Nelson @ 717-319-8992)

- Oct. 1 10 a.m. to noon. Salem's Closet is open to the public. To volunteer, please contact Susan Nelson @717-319-8992.
- Oct. 2 World Communion Sunday
9:15 a.m.; Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m.; Worship.
Fellowship time after the service in the Chapel/Fellowship Hall.
- Oct. 5 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteer in Salem's Closet (For additional times to volunteer, please contact Susan Nelson @ 717-319-8992)
- Oct. 6 5:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.; Jazz on the Pride. Free jazz concert on the Pride of the Susquehanna. The evening cruise begins at 7 and costs \$13.
- Oct. 9 9:15 a.m.; Adult Sunday School
10:30 a.m.; Worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Collecting for Harvest Home

We will once again be collecting food during the month of October to give to those in need. Non-perishable items may be brought in weekly and placed in front of the altar. On the last Sunday, Oct. 30, fresh fruit and vegetables may also be added to the collection of food items.

Parking at B'nai B'rith

Our church has only three spaces (double parking) in the B'nai B'rith parking lot, even on Sundays. Parking is strictly enforced and violators will have their vehicles towed. If you park in the lot during the week, please place a "working at church" sign in your car. These are available in the church office.

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.