

**Salem United Church of Christ**  
**April 24, 2022**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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: We live in the light of Easter. Christ has risen!

**P: He has risen indeed!**

L: We live as resurrection people.

**P: The power of life has overcome the power of death.**

L: We live as resurrection people.

**P: The light of love has shattered the darkness of fear.**

L: We live as resurrection people.

**P: The breath of Spirit is ours.**

L: We live as resurrection people.

**P: Hallelujah! Christ has risen!**

\*Opening Hymn

*Christ Arose*

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# 216 Christ Arose

*It was impossible for death to keep its hold on Him. Acts 2:24*

- 1. Low in the grave He lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior! Wait - ing the com - ing day,  
- 2. Vain - ly they watch His bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior! Vain - ly they seal the dead,  
3. Death can-not keep his prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior! He tore the bars a - way,

*Refrain*

Je - sus my Lord! Up from the grave He a - rose, With a  
He a-rose,

might - y tri-umph o'er His foes; He a - rose a Vic-tor from the  
He a-rose!

dark do - main, And He lives for - ev - er with His saints to reign, He a -

rose! He a - rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!  
He a-rose! He a-rose!

## Prayer of Invocation

L: God Almighty, who was and is and is to come. You have gifted us with new beginnings, with life and light. In the life of Jesus we have seen your love. Pour your grace upon us this day, so we may worship you with our hearts, our minds and our bodies. Pour your grace upon us so we may be your people.

## Prayer of Confession

L: Let us come to God with open hearts to confess our sins and receive God's forgiveness.

**All: Jesus Christ, Savior and King, you call us to follow you. When we don't listen, we harm ourselves and others. In your mercy, shine your light into our lives and show us our sins, so we may become more like you, who lived, died, and was resurrected for our sake. Amen.**

## Kyrie



## Assurance of Pardon

M: God has forgiven our sins in Jesus' name, for Jesus has forgiven us. Let us live in the light of God. Amen.

Solo *Alleluia, Alleluia*

Norah Phillips; arr G. O'Conner-Morris

## Scripture Lessons

Old Testament: Psalm 150

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,  
praise him with the harp and lyre,

<sup>4</sup> praise him with timbrel and dancing,  
praise him with the strings and pipe,

<sup>5</sup> praise him with the clash of cymbals,  
praise him with resounding cymbals.

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD.

New Testament: Revelation 1:1-7

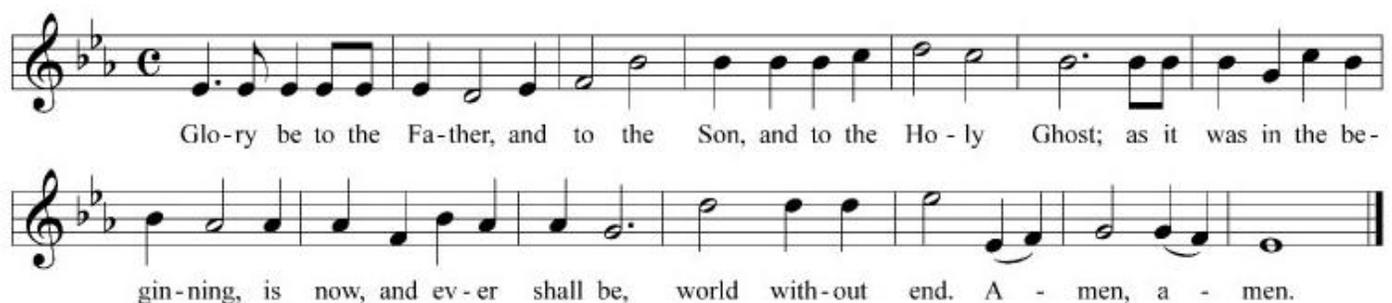
<sup>4</sup> John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> "Look, he is coming with the clouds,"  
and "every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him";  
and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."  
So shall it be! Amen.

### 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.

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

# Here I Am, Lord

*Unison*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I who made the stars of night,  
I have heard my people cry.  
I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
give them hearts for love a-lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
till their hearts be sat-is-sied.

1.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
Who will bear my light to them?  
I have wept for love of them.  
I will speak my word to them.  
I will set a feast for them.  
I will give my life to them.

my hand will save.  
They turn a-way.  
My hand will save.

2.  
Whom shall I send?  
Whom shall I send?  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain (Harmony)*  
Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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

M: Rejoicing in the mighty power of God and responding to God's call to care for the world, 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.**

\*Closing Hymn      *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*      *Black 42*

\*Benediction

\*Extinguishing of Candles

Postlude

(Please remain seated until the organ postlude has finished.)

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."

Worship Notes:

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## THOSE SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Organist: Caleb Sisak  
Soloists: Joseph Sobel

Worship Leader: Laurie Sisak  
Pastor: Sue Schmidt

## CALENDAR

- 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. 10:30 a.m. Worship  
Fellowship time in the Chapel after the service. Stay afterwards to  
help with some spring cleaning.
- 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 HACCC'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](http://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.

## **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](mailto: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.