

Salem United Church of Christ
German Reformed

231 Chestnut Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101



Present Building Erected 1821-22, Organized 1787

Welcome to Salem UCC

If you are visiting us today, welcome! We are glad that you have come to worship with us. 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 or on the back tables and place it in the baskets in the back tables.

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. In addition, the church doors are closed after the first hymn at approximately 10:40. If you will arrive after that, please text your name and the time you will arrive to 717-319-8992 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

Established in 1787 on land given by John Harris, Salem has been a congregation committed to loving God and serving others for over 200 years. The name, Salem, comes from the Hebrew Shalom, and means peace, or the well-being of all. If you would like to learn more about the church's history, please come to the front of the church after the service and one of our members will be happy to give you a 15-minute guided tour.

Our information

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4th 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-liturgic Announcements

Organ Prelude

Tolling of the bell

*Call to Worship

L: God calls people from every nation and tongue to enter God's family.

All: We praise you, O LORD, for the power to follow your call.

L: Let us give thanks for those who left their homeland and established this church in which to praise and worship God.

All: We praise you, God, for their faithful witness in this community.

L: Let us give thanks for all the members, past and present, who have given their prayers, presence, service, and witness to this congregation!

All: We give praise and thanks for all those who have led worship, preached, and taught us!

L: Through the years, God has been faithful.

All: Continue to empower us, O God, so we may be faithful witnesses to your great love.

*Opening Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Red 1 v.1,3,4

Prayer of Invocation

L: Almighty God who comes to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. In your loving faithfulness you have embraced Salem United Church of Christ as part of your family. You have withheld her witness through 234 years. Without your presence and power, we would not be here today. Send us anew your Spirit of guidance and vision, so we may continue your mission of loving Harrisburg. In the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

L: Let us continue in a spirit of confession:

All: Faithful and loving God, we open our hearts and minds to you. In your mercy, show us ways in which we need to grow, change, or heal so that we may love you and others with full and joyful hearts.

Interlude

Kyrie



Words of Assurance

M: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Amen.

Solo

“Now Will I Praise the Lord”

P. R. Deittereich

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 145 A Psalm of Praise

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- ² Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
- ⁴ One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
- ⁵ They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.
- ⁶ They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- ⁷ They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
- ⁹ The LORD is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
- ¹⁰ All your works praise you, LORD;
your faithful people extol you.
- ¹¹ They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
- ¹² so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.
- The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.
- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.

- 16 You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.
- 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.
- 18 The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
- 19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.
- 20 The LORD watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
- 21 My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.

*Gloria Patri



*The Gospel Reading: Luke 5:17-26

Jesus and a Paralyzed Man

17 One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick. 18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus. 19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.

20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? ²⁴ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ²⁵ Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God. ²⁶ Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, “We have seen remarkable things today.”

Sermon

Our Stories

Hymn of Response

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Black 419; 1,3

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

M: Through the ages, the church has prayed for itself and for its mission in the world. Let us join our voices together in prayer:

Heavenly Father, we pray for the church of Jesus, our Savior.

All: That we would be one, as you are one.

M: May every member of Christ’s body truly and humbly serve you

All: That your world would be transformed into the Kingdom of God.

M: We pray for all pastors and spiritual leaders

All: That they may be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.

M: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

All: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

M: We ask for grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

All: That our lives may bear good fruit.

M: Send your Spirit on all those who suffer from grief or trouble

All: That they may find strength and healing.

M: We praise you for the saints who have lived their lives in your service and have now entered into their rest;

All: May their examples inspire us, and their presence in the cloud of witnesses encourage us.

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.**

Presenting our Offerings (we will receive the offering in the pews)

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 for Offering

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.

Reception of New Members:
Gidge Geegee, Sandy Sgrignoli and Sue Schmidt

Opening Remarks

Questions to the Candidates

Affirmation by Congregation

L: May all those who are members, rise as they are able. Let us, the members of Salem United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

L: Let us pray: Loving God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church, Salem UCC, and rejoice that you have increased our community of faith by the addition of Sandy, Gidge, and Sue. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of this congregation, and serving the world for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. And all God's people said: **Amen**

*Closing Hymn *"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"* Black 393; 1,3,4

*Benediction

(Please remain standing until the candles have been extinguished.)

Postlude

(CCLI# 3515326)

THOSE SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Organist: Caleb Sisak

Lay Reader: Darlene Hillegas

Soloist: Joseph Sobel

Sexton: Sandy Sgrignoli

Pastor: Sue Schmidt

Ushers and Greeters: Susan & Steve Nelson

The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of my father, Tony, by Gidge Geegee.

TO PONDER THIS WEEK

Have you ever had a gratitude journal? Why not take some time this week to write down some things that you are grateful for – in your life and in the life of Salem.

CALENDAR

- Today Father's Day
Welcoming of new members; reception in the chapel after the service.
Donna Royal's birthday!
- July 4 Independence Day
- July 11 Directors from both Bethesda Mission and CCU will be sharing in the morning service.
- July 18 10 AM Riverboat Service; picnic at the pavilion after the boat ride. Hot dogs and dessert will be provided. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the back hall for other contributions!

Aug. 7 10-Noon Clothing Closet open. Please contact Sandy Scignoli if you're available to help to prep or on the day we're open.

Aug. 8 Butterfly Service



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 - Friday, 10am – 6pm (evening hours are also available). For more information, contact: Scott M. Watts, MS, LPC, NCC, call 717-433-7426, or email: wellspringpc@outlook.com.....