

***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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **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](http://www.salemuccharrisburg.org)

Facebook: Salem United Church of Christ, Harrisburg, PA

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**Salem United Church of Christ**  
**February 6, 2022**  
**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

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/Lighting of the Candles

\*Call to Worship

L: Come, all who seek our loving God, and offer your prayers.

**P: Who is like you, O God, who hears us before a word is on our lips and daily meets our needs?**

L: Come, all who seek our glorious God, and offer your praise.

**P: God of power and majesty, who is like you in kindness and loving compassion?**

L: Come, all who seek our guiding God, and offer your worship.

**P: How wise and good are you, O Lord. You guide those of every tongue and nation in paths of righteousness and lead us in the way of truth.**

\*Hymn

*He Leadeth Me*

Red 466

Prayer of Invocation

L: All-Present God, day by day we wake to your love and care. Morning by morning you give us what we need to follow you as you lead us in the pathways of our lives. Grant us faith and joy to walk with you this day. Amen.

L: Let us continue in the spirit of confession:

**P: Gracious God, we may not always listen for your spirit to guide us in your paths. Forgive us when we do not enjoy the gift of your presence and open our ears to hear your voice. In the name of Jesus, who came and walked with us. Amen.**

Time for Silent Reflection

Kyrie



M: God will forgive us our sins and lead us in good paths, through the Spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ, **Amen.**

Solo

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*

C. D. Martin

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17:7-16

God's Provision for Elijah

<sup>7</sup> Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: <sup>9</sup> "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." <sup>10</sup> So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" <sup>11</sup> As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

<sup>12</sup> "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

<sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'"


<sup>15</sup> She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup> For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-20      Unity and Diversity in the Body

<sup>12</sup> Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

<sup>15</sup> Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>16</sup> And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. <sup>17</sup> If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup> But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one part, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

\*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.

\*Gospel: Luke 4:20-30

Jesus Begins His Ministry

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”

<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. “Isn’t this Joseph’s son?” they asked.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

<sup>24</sup> "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. <sup>26</sup> Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. <sup>27</sup> And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian."

<sup>28</sup> All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

Sermon

Upsetting the Apple Cart

Hymn of Response

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Black 23

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

M: Let us continue in worship as we pray for the church and the world. Grant, almighty God, that all who call themselves Christ-followers would seek to find your will and walk according to your wisdom. May we, your children, be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world...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. We pray for our leaders both local and national that they would seek your way of truth and goodness. We specifically pray for the tensions in Ukraine and ask Lord, that you would keep nations from entering into war. Lord, help us as we seek to build common ground across our many divides that we may together serve the common good...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. May we faithfully walk the path you have set before

us so that your kingdom comes in our neighborhoods...Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

M: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, grant us wisdom in how to best use its resources and enjoy its beauties...Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

M: Bless all those whose lives are connected with ours, and grant that we may service Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us...Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

M: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and a sense of your presence beside them...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.**

Offering

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: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* Black 471  
(In the first verse, replace "covenant" with "fellowship")

\*Benediction

May the Spirit of Christ fill us today, may our hearts expand to welcome all people as friends of God, and friends of ours.

\*Extinguishing of Candles

Postlude (please stay seated until the postlude has concluded.)

**THOSE SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY**

Organist: Caleb Sisak

Worship Leader & Lay Reader: Susan Nelson

Soloist: Joe Sobel

Ushers: Sherrie & Richard Veet

Pastor: Rev. Sue Schmidt

The flowers on the altar are placed in prayer and praise for Sandy Sgrignoli and Rick Moore from their Salem family.

**CALENDAR**

Feb. 5 10 a.m. to noon; Church is open for volunteers in the clothing closet.

Feb. 13 Consistory meets after church

Feb. 16 10 a.m. to noon; Church is open for volunteers in the clothing closet.

March 2 Ash Wednesday



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If winter weather forces us to cancel services, we will send out an email and also post the notice on ABC 27 (WHTM-TV).

If you want a copy of your 2021 donations for tax purposes, please contact Janet or Jeff.

Salem's Closet is an important outreach of Salem to our community. With Sandy no longer able to head this up, a committee is being organized to continue this work.

People are needed to:

1. Coordinate the Saturday open days for the community.
2. Open the church for special needs/appointments.
3. Help organize and put clothing and other articles out onto the floor.

Please pray about whether the Spirit is asking you to get involved, and then let Pastor Sue know your availability.

Volunteers are also needed for ushers, lay readers and worship leaders. Members interested in serving on the consistory are also welcome. Please contact Pastor Sue if you are interested.

The cost of altar flowers is increasing to \$35 for 2022. Flowers may be used two consecutive weeks and the sponsor may take them after the service. Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Special bulletin covers may be sponsored for \$10 and sign-up sheets are also on the bulletin.

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).