

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 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

Salem (Hebrew 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

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Salem United Church of Christ
July 4, 2021
6th 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-liturgical Announcements

Organ Prelude

Tolling of the bell

*Call to Worship

L: As we gather this morning, we give thanks for our freedom to worship God.

P: May we not take our freedom for granted, O Lord.

L: Let us worship the Lord, who made this beautiful part of the planet that we call home.

P: We thank you for the good earth: the mountains, the deserts, the prairies and the farmland.

L: We give you praise you for the seas and the rivers, the nourishment they provide and they bounty they hold.

P: All-loving God, in you, we all live and breathe. You created each person in your image and have brought them to this country to find a place of peace. We praise you, God of peace, for your gift of life to us all.

*Opening Hymn *"America the Beautiful"* (traditional and Black 594)

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesty, above the fruited plain.
America! America! God shed His grace on thee;
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

Indigenous and immigrant, our daughters and our sons;
O may we never rest content till all are truly one.
America! America! God grant that we may be
A sisterhood and brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

How beautiful, sincere lament, the wisdom born of tears,
The courage called for to repent the bloodshed through the years.
America! America! God grant that we may be
A nation blessed with none oppressed, true land of liberty!

Prayer of Invocation

L: Gracious God, you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory.
You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our nation a
zeal for justice and the strength for forbearance, that we may use our liberty
in accordance with your gracious will.

L: Let us continue our prayers in a spirit of confession:

**All: Loving God, as we look around our country, we see divisions instead of unity.
We lament the ways in which we do not love one another as ourselves. We
grieve that we have not valued all people's lives as equal to our own. Forgive
us for what we have done, and what we have left undone.**

Interlude

Kyrie



Words of Assurance

M: If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray, then I
will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their lands. Amen.

Solo

"Grant Us Peace"

H. Fromm

Scripture Lessons

First Reading: Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The Great and Mighty God

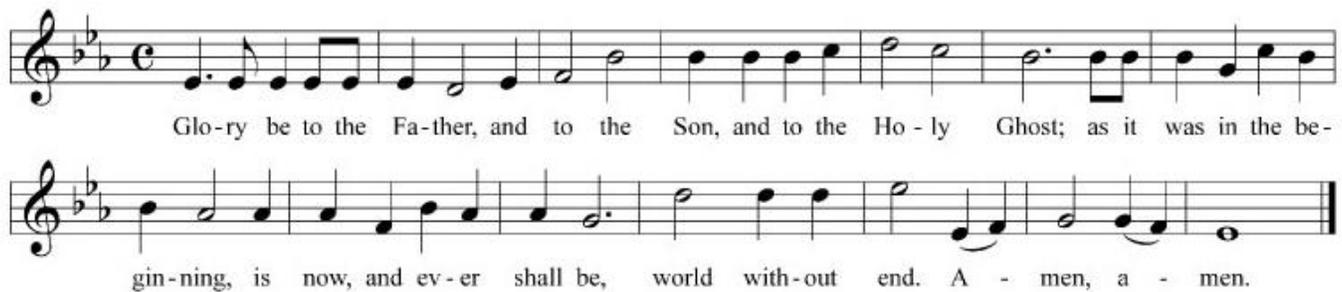
¹⁷For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, ¹⁸who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. ¹⁹You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. ²¹He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:1-7

Instructions on Worship

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

*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.

¹³ Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. ¹⁴ They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay or shouldn't we?"

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶ They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

And they were amazed at him.

Sermon

God's People in America

Hymn of Response

"This Is My Song"

Black 591

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: We pray for the church in America

All: That we would set an example of loving our neighbor as ourselves.

M: Give us tender hearts for our fellow citizens

All: That we would pray and act for the best interests of all.

M: Give us boldness and fervor

All: That we would not sit idly by while those around us are in distress or need.

Show us how we can be Christ's body in our country.

M: We pray for all those who are ill, or struggling with grief, especially those who lost loved ones in Miami, and friends and family of our church

All: That you would send your healing spirit upon them.

M: We pray for those who are without food, housing, or jobs

All: That we, your church would love and care for them in both word and in deed.

M: We pray for our leaders: our President, our Congress, our Governor, and all other Legislators

All: That they would truly seek the good of our country and work together in a spirit of unity.

M: We pray for our justice system, the police, the first responders of all types, social workers, teachers, those who work in our health care system, and all those who work for our common good.

All: Grant them wisdom, grace, and strength to do their work with compassion and clarity.

M: We pray for our state and the city of Harrisburg, as well as the other municipalities in which we live.

All: May we be good citizens and offer our prayers and insights so that we and our neighbors might live together in harmony and each have what we need to flourish.

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.

*Closing Hymn

"God of our Fathers"

Red 440; 1,2, 4

*Benediction

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

Postlude

THOSE SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Organist: Caleb Sisak

Lay Reader: Susan Reynolds

Soloist: Joseph Sobel

Sexton: Sandy Sgrignoli

Pastor: Sue Schmidt

Ushers: Susan and Steve Nelson

The flowers on the altar today are placed by Darlene Hillegas with thanks to God for our freedom.

TO PONDER THIS WEEK

What does it mean to you to be a Christian in America? How does your faith influence how you act as a citizen in this nation? Have there been times it has caused conflict? What have you done?

CALENDAR

- July 11 Directors from both Bethesda Mission and CCU will be sharing in the morning service. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the fellowship hall and opportunity to ask questions about their ministries.
- July 17 7 PM. Free concert by "Dr. Joe" Utterback (jazz pianist) at Colonial Park UCC, Harrisburg.
- July 18 10 AM Riverboat Service; picnic at the pavilion after the boat ride. Hot dogs and dessert will be provided. There are signup sheets on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.
- July 20 Pastor Sue goes on vacation until August 6.
- Aug. 7 10-Noon Clothing Closet open. Please contact Sandy Sgrignoli if you are available to help to prep or on the day we're open.
- Aug. 8 Butterfly Service
- Sep 12 Gallery Walk
- Sep 19 Friend Day



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.