

***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 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 (Hebrew for peace) has been a congregation committed to loving God and serving others for more than 200 years. 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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**Salem United Church of Christ**  
**June 27, 2021**  
**5<sup>th</sup> 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

Organ Prelude

Tolling of the bell

\*Call to Worship (The UCC statement of faith)

L: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

**P: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

L: You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

**P: You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.**

L: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

**P: You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

L: You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all

the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

**P: You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

**All: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn

*"Praise Ye the Father"*

Red 14

Prayer of Invocation

L: Almighty God who comes to us as Father, Son, and Spirit. You are united in your will and desire. You are united in your love for each other and your love for us. Together you work to bring the world back home to you. Teach us to be one, we pray, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Prayer of Confession

L: Let us continue in a spirit of confession:

**All: All-loving God, it is too easy to only love those who are like us.**

**Forgive us when we are unable to love those who look differently, who think differently, and who act differently than we do. Grant us open hearts toward all people, we pray.**

Interlude

Kyrie



Lord have mer-cy up - on us; Christ have mer-cy up - on us; Lord have mer-cy up-on us.

## Words of Assurance

M: God our Savior wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all people. Through him we find new life and forgiveness for our sins.  
Amen.

Solo

*“Let Us Build a House”*

M. Haugen

## Scripture Lessons

First Reading: Psalm 133

A Song of Ascents, of David

<sup>1</sup> How good and pleasant it is  
when God’s people live together in unity!  
<sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron’s beard,  
down on the collar of his robe.  
<sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon  
were falling on Mount Zion.  
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,  
even life forevermore.

Second Reading: Eph 4:1-7; 11-13

Unity and Maturity in Christ’s Body

<sup>4</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

<sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

\*Gloria Patri



\*The Gospel Reading: John 17:20-26

Jesus Prays for All Believers

<sup>20</sup> “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, <sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me, and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— <sup>23</sup> I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>24</sup> “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

<sup>25</sup> “Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup> I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”

Sermon

*One Lord, One Faith*

Notes:

Congregationalists

Christian and Afro-Christian

Evangelical Synod

Mergers

1931

1937

1957

Hymn of Response      *"In Christ There is No East or West"*      Black 395

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 churches that compose the United Church of Christ

**All: That we would fulfill our calling to show Christian unity in the world.**

M: We pray for all pastors and spiritual leaders

**All: That they would preach the unifying power of your love.**

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

**All: That you would raise up righteous leaders to take the place of those who do not seek the common good.**

M: We pray for those who are affected by war, famine, and natural disasters.

**All: Send your spirit of peace upon them and show us how to love in both word and in deed.**

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

**All: That they may find strength and healing through your presence and our loving acts of service.**

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.

\*Closing Hymn

*"O For A World"*

Black 575; 1-3

\*Benediction

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

Postlude

**THOSE SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY**

Organist: Caleb Sisak

Lay Reader: John Sisak

Soloist: Joseph Sobel

Worship Leader: Janet Kelley

Pastor: Sue Schmidt

Sexton: Sandy Sgrignoli

Ushers and Greeters: Sherrie & Richard Veet

The flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of my sister, Phyllis Walker, by Darlene Hillegas.

## **TO PONDER THIS WEEK**

What are the essentials of your faith? What do you think about the ecumenical movement that sponsored the formation of the United Church of Christ?

### **CALENDAR**

- Today      There's still cake! Join us afterwards for some refreshments in the fellowship hall.
- 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. There are signup sheets on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.
- July 20 – August 6    Pastor Sue is on vacation.
- Aug. 7      10-Noon Clothing Closet open. Please contact Sandy Sgrignoli if you're 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](mailto:wellspringpc@outlook.com).