

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 (Susan Nelson) 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 (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

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Salem United Church of Christ
June 5, 2022
Pentecost Sunday

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: God of wind and fire,

P: When you send your Spirit, we are created anew.

L: God of mighty oceans and still waters,

P: When we receive your baptism, we are born anew.

L: God of bread and wine,

P: When we eat at your table, we are nourished anew.

L: Pour out your Spirit into our lives today,

**P: May our hearts and our hands be open wide
to receive your gifts of life. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Black 59

Prayer of Invocation

L: Holy Spirit of God, we welcome you in our worship today. We hope to be filled with your presence, with joy and peace, with courage and conviction, with a deep knowing that we are one with the Father and the Son. How grateful we are for who you are and what you do for us each day.

Prayer of Confession

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

All: Holy Spirit, you live within us and long that we live aware of your presence. Forgive us for not slowing down and asking for your guidance. Forgive us for thinking we are unable to follow Jesus when you give us the power to do so. Grant us faith to walk in step with you every day. In the name of Jesus, who sent you to us, Amen.

Kyrie



Assurance of Pardon

M: When we pray with sincere hearts, God hears us, forgives us, and gives us grace to live in God's love.

Solo *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* spiritual

Scripture Lessons

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. **2** Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "'In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

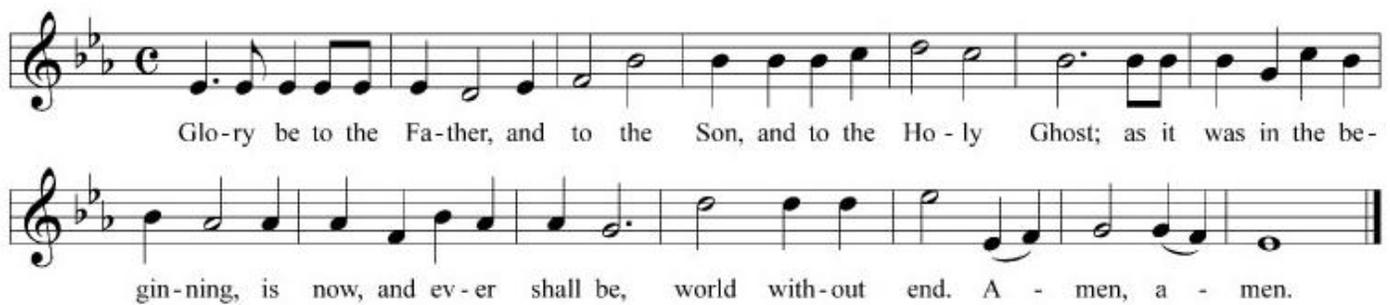
²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17

Life Through the Spirit

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by the Spirit we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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.

The Gospel Reading: John 14:15-19; 25-27

The Spirit Will Come

¹⁵ If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept God's Spirit, because it neither sees the Spirit nor knows the Spirit. But you know the Spirit, for the Spirit lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my

peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Sermon

We Have Help

*Nicene Creed

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son, the Spirit is worshiped and glorified.
The Spirit has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

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

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your love.

**Open our eyes to see the presence of God all around us, in the joys and
celebrations of our lives, in the tragedies and struggles that break our
hearts.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and comfort those who grieve.

**Grant them the peace that only you can bring. And help us bring
comfort through our words, prayers, and acts of kindness.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and bring wholeness to the sick.

**Strengthen those who are weak; bring medical aid to those who need it;
strengthen all who bring care for mind, spirit, and body.**

Come, Holy Spirit, and bring peace to our world.

**Raise up leaders who will work for the welfare of all. Empower those in
communities like ours who lead initiatives against violence.**

Come, Holy Spirit, show us the path we are to walk.

Guide us each day to use our gifts and talents for your kingdom, for it is for your kingdom that we now 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: Gracious God, you are the giver of all good gifts. Receive these gifts given with cheerful hearts and use them through Salem so that your kingdom may come in our community. Amen.

Solo

One Bread, One Body

John Michael Talbot

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

M: This is the Lord's Table. It is not the Table of Salem Church or the United Church of Christ. All who believe in Jesus are invited to partake in the feast which He has prepared.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

M: Let us pray: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

M: On the night on which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body." Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith.

ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

M: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our hearts may be opened, and we may know again the power of Christ's love.

ALL: Amen.

Breaking the Bread / Pouring the Cup

M: Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of the new covenant, we receive forgiveness and grace.

Communion of the People

M: The body of Christ, given for you. Take and eat.

P: Amen.

M: The blood of Christ shed for you. Take and drink.

P: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer (Please rise)

ALL: Generous God, you are the source of all life, creating and sustaining every living thing. You are the source of all food, material and spiritual, nourishing us in both body and soul. You are the light that goes before us, shining into the darkness. May we be filled with your breath, nourished by your food, renewed by your living water, and sustained by your love.

Closing Hymn

Go, My Children with My Blessing

Black 82

Benediction

Extinguishing of Candles

Postlude

Worship Notes: Call to Worship: written by Joanna Harader and posted on Spacious Faith (<https://spaciousfaith.com>)

Post Communion Prayer: originally posted on the *Monthly Prayers* page (now **Weekly Worship**) of the Christian Aid Website ((<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/churches/weekly-worship>))

THOSE SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Organist: Caleb Sisak Worship Leader: Susan Nelson
Soloists: Joseph Sobel Pastor: Rev. Sue Schmidt
Ushers & Greeters: Susan & Steve Nelson

The flowers on the altar are placed in honor of Bob & Becky Charles' 47th wedding anniversary on June 14.

CALENDAR

- Today Pentecost Sunday
 9:15 a.m.; Adult Sunday School
 10:30 a.m.; Worship including communion
 Fellowship time after service in the chapel.
- June 8 10 a.m. to noon: Volunteer in Salem's Closet
- June 12 9:15 a.m.; Adult Sunday School
 10:30 a.m.; Worship
 Consistory meeting after worship
- June 13-20 Pastor Sue will be on vacation
- June 15 10 a.m. to noon: Volunteer in Salem's Closet
- June 19 10:30 a.m.; Worship (No Sunday School)
 Rev. Jim Eaton, who has been attending Salem for the past year,
 will bring the morning message.
- July 17 Riverboat Sunday; Worship service on the Pride of the
 Susquehanna followed by a luncheon at the pavilion.

Congratulations to the Graduates!

Bob and Lorraine Reed's granddaughter Sarah has successfully completed her medical degree at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. Congratulations, Dr. Reed!

Jeff and Evelyn's granddaughter Elizabeth graduated this past week from West Perry High School and will head to Johns Hopkins University, Peabody Conservatory in the fall. We wish her the best!

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Praise for Evelyn Smith's good recovery from surgery.

Continue to pray for Chris Lawson and her healing from hip surgery.

Please keep Bob and Judy Enders, and their family, in your prayers. They remain housebound, and Judy is not able to get around as she had hoped. Also pray for their son, Bobby, who is currently unemployed and looking for a new job.

Doreen Shoop is having difficulty getting treatment for her cancer due to lack of medical supplies. Please pray for the help she needs.

Continue to pray for Rich and Bob, brothers of Laurie Sisak. Rich is doing much better after additional surgery. Please pray for restoration of health and for comfort for their families.

Blanche McGill appreciates our prayers for her health.

PRAISE: Yet we will place our hope and trust in Jesus Christ. For He is the light of the world. His love will shine on us, in us, and through us to all God's people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

One Great Hour of Sharing

Each year Salem participates in One Great Hour of Sharing, an offering which is taken globally to help those in need all around the world, and in our own communities. We will take this offering today. Envelopes are in your bulletin.

Parking at B'nai B'rith

Our church has only two spaces (double parking) in the B'nai B'rith parking lot, even on Sundays. Parking is strictly enforced and violators will have their vehicles towed. If you park in the lot during the week, please place a "working at church" sign in your car. These are available in the church office.

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.

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.