

***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 northeast on Chestnut Street, pass Third Street and take the next right onto Dewberry Street. 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 a.m. 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 Third & Chestnut streets.

## **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)

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**Salem United Church of Christ**  
**June 12, 2022**  
**Trinity 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 (from Psalm 8)

L: Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by the Father,

**P: We come to worship one God, united in purpose and creating power.**

L: O God, our own God, how awesome is your name in all the earth!

**P: You have made us wonderful image bearers, and given us the care of your creation.**

L: Your majesty is in the music of the starry skies, yet even children can sing your praise.

**P: O God, our own God, how awesome is your name in all the earth!**

\*Opening Hymn

*Praise with Joy the World's Creator*

Black 273

Prayer of Invocation

L: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer – God through whom all things were created and who continues to recreate our broken world. Your power is at work in us

and around us. You know us and love us and continue to call us to join you in bringing light into the darkness, as we live as your children.

L: We come to you with open hearts to confess our sins and receive your forgiveness.

**All: Gracious God, who created us to care for this world – forgive us for not being attentive to our beautiful planet and for the harm we have done. Holy God, your wisdom is available for us every day in whatever we do – forgive us for not asking for your guidance. In your mercy open our eyes and show us the better way – the way of your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.**

Kyrie



Assurance of Pardon

M: Jesus says, I have come that you might have life and life to the full. Live in God's forgiveness so that you may find fullness of life.

Solo *I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry* John Yivisaker

Scripture Lessons

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4; 22-31

Wisdom's Call

**8** Does not wisdom call out?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

**2** At the highest point along the way,  
where the paths meet, she takes her stand;

**3** beside the gate leading into the city,  
at the entrance, she cries aloud:

**4** "To you, O people, I call out;  
I raise my voice to all mankind.

**22** The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,

before his deeds of old;  
<sup>23</sup> I was formed long ages ago,  
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.  
<sup>24</sup> When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,  
when there were no springs overflowing with water;  
<sup>25</sup> before the mountains were settled in place,  
before the hills, I was given birth,  
<sup>26</sup> before he made the world or its fields  
or any of the dust of the earth.  
<sup>27</sup> I was there when he set the heavens in place,  
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,  
<sup>28</sup> when he established the clouds above  
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,  
<sup>29</sup> when he gave the sea its boundary  
so the waters would not overstep his command,  
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.  
<sup>30</sup> Then I was constantly at his side.  
I was filled with delight day after day,  
rejoicing always in his presence,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his whole world  
and delighting in mankind."

Second Reading: Revelation 1: 9-17

John's Vision of Christ

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup> On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup> I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned, I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and among the lampstands was

someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

<sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

\*Gloria Patri



The Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

The Spirit Guides

<sup>12</sup> "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

Sermon

Who Holds Power?

Hymn of Response *Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing*

Black 303: 1,2,3

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

M: Let us pray for the church of God throughout the world:

**P: God of all power, open our hearts more fully to your Spirit, so that in every nation, in every denomination we may be the unified body of your Son, Jesus Christ, one with you in heart and mind.**

M: Let us pray for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

**P: God of peace, we pray for justice and peace. We pray for peace in our own lives, for peace in our families. We pray for peace in our city of Harrisburg, and in our nation which is so full of anger and fear. We pray for peace for Ukraine and all nations who suffer from war.**

M: Let us pray for the poor, the sick, and all who are oppressed.

**P: Lord Jesus, you came to bring good news to the poor, to heal the sick, and to free those who were oppressed. Through your Spirit work in the lives of those whom we know and those we don't. Grant them healing, give them guidance, free them from fear and the bondage of sin.**

M: Let us pray for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

**P: Spirit of God, draw all those who look for truth and peace to the Father. Give them the power to know how deeply they are loved. Grant them faith that their lives have a purpose. Open all of our hearts to know God more fully.**

M: Let us pray for all who have departed this world.

**P: God of eternal love, we trust in your mercy and grace for all those who have finished their lives on this earth. We pray for those who have died violently, that their souls may find rest. We pray for the families and loved ones who grieve the breaking of deep relationships.**

M: We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who guide and hear our prayers. We praise you that all we ask in your name is accomplished for your

glory. In all these prayers, we pray in the name of your Son, 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.**

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.

Closing Hymn

*Creator God, Creating Still*

Black 278

Benediction

Extinguishing of Candles

Postlude

*Worship Notes: Adapted from a call to worship written by Bruce Prewer and posted on <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/>.*

## THOSE SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Organist: Caleb Sisak                      Worship Leader: Linda Farr  
Soloists: Joseph Sobel                      Pastor: Rev. Sue Schmidt  
Ushers & Greeters: Tom & Linda Farr

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

### CALENDAR

Today      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 (for additional times to volunteer, please contact Susan Nelson @ 717-319-8992.)

June 18      Deadline to articles for the newsletter. Please email them to Joann Smith @ [dsmith2607@comcast.net](mailto:dsmith2607@comcast.net)

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.

June 22      10 a.m. to noon: Volunteer in Salem's Closet (for additional times to volunteer, please contact Susan Nelson @ 717-319-8992.)

July 17      10 a.m. Riverboat Sunday; Worship service on the Pride of the Susquehanna followed by a luncheon at the pavilion. There is a sign-up sheet on the podium in the back of the sanctuary by the center doors.

July 29 Join Pastor Sue for a fun evening at Fort Hunter. Food trucks (sandwiches and ice cream) at 6 p.m. Concert, The Ogham Stones, an Irish band, at 7 p.m.

### **PRAYERS AND PRAISE.**

Praise for good progress in healing for Chris Lawson. Please pray for complete healing and mobility.

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. They continue to face health struggles. Please pray for restoration of health and for comfort for their families.

Blanche McGill appreciates our prayers for her health. May God relieve her from her pain and bring healing from her arthritis.

**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**

#### **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](mailto:wellspringpc@outlook.com).