

Pre-Service Music

*“We Fall Down”
“We Will Dance”
“Lord, You Are the Holy One”
“Rise and Shine”*

Praise Team

Riley Mansholt

Ringing of the Bell

Lighting of the Candles

“In a Spanish Garden”

Riley Mansholt

Greeting / Life & Mission of Salem

*Green prayer cards are located in the pew racks for you to write and share your prayer concerns.
These prayer cards will be collected during the first hymn of the service by the ushers.*

+Call to Worship (Adapted from Psalm 99) **

The Holy One is our sovereign.

Let us praise God’s great and awesome name!

Mighty ruler, lover of justice, you have established fairness among us.

Praise be to God!

+Opening Song

“Children Go Where I Send Thee”

(See Insert)

+Opening Prayer

+Passing of the Peace

Time with Children

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

Special Music

“The Mountain”

Steven Curtis Chapman

Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon

Down From the Mountain

Prayer of the People

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

Our God has revealed to us a law and a love that leads us into becoming God’s own daughters and sons. Therefore, let us gratefully give from that which has first been given to us, our lives, our talents, and our possessions. Let us receive our morning offering.

Invitation & Offertory

“Awesome God”

Praise Team

+Doxology

*“Everything is Yours, Lord”
Everything is Yours, Lord, Everything comes from you
All we have we offer to You, Accept our love, Lord, we pray
Receive our gifts today.*

+Prayer of Dedication**

God of mountaintops and valleys be our vision of You clouded or brilliantly clear, we faithfully add our gifts to those being given all around us. Bless these offerings that they may be transfigured into Your presence in the world. Amen.

+Closing Hymn

“The Happy Song”

**I could sing unending songs of how you saved my soul
I would dance a thousand miles because of your great love
My heart is bursting Lord, to tell of all you’ve done
Of how you changed my life and wiped away my past
I want to shout it out, from every rooftop sing
For now I know that God is for me not against me.**

**Everybody’s singing now ‘cause we’re so happy
Everybody’s dancing now, ‘cause we’re so happy**

+The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

(Please Hold Hands)

**Our Father, who 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. Amen.**

+Benediction

+Response

“Make Me a Servant”

**Make me a servant, humble and meek
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, Make me a servant
Make me a servant today**

+Postlude

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+ Indicates where you may stand, if able; **bold print** indicates where the congregation reads.

Children Go Where I Send Thee

Children go where I send thee, how shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send thee two by two, two by Paul and Silas

One by the little bitty baby Born, born, born, born in Bethlehem

Children go where I send thee, how shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send thee three by three, three by the Hebrew children

Two by Paul and Silas, one by the little bitty baby,
Born, born, born, born in Bethlehem

Children go where I send thee, how shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send thee four by four, four by four that stood at the door

Three by the Hebrew children, Two by Paul and Silas

One by the little bitty baby, born, born, born, born in Bethlehem

Children go where I send thee, how shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send thee five by five, Five by the five that couldn't get by

Four by the four that stood at the door, Three by the Hebrew children,

Two by Paul and Silas,

One by the little bitty baby, born, born, born, born in Bethlehem

Children go where I send thee, how shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send thee six by six, six by the six that couldn't get fixed

Five by the five couldn't get by, four by the four that stood at the door

Three by the Hebrew children, two by Paul and Silas,

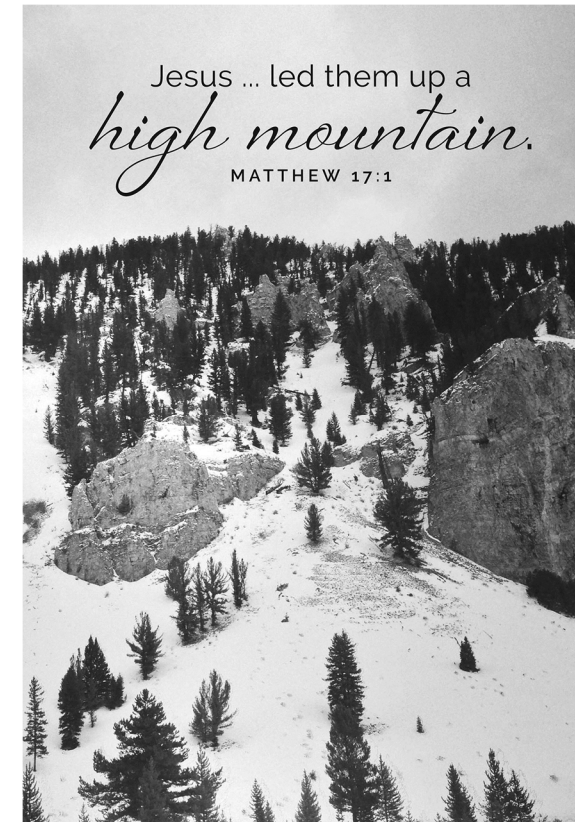
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February 26, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Jerry Amiri, Senior Pastor, Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director and Praise Team

We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.

THIS WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED, AND YOU MAY APPEAR ONLINE.

~ SALEM'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday	Feb. 26	8:45 a.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		After Worship	Junior High Mission Trip Parent's Meeting
		4:00-5:30 p.m.	Exhale
Monday	Feb. 27	10:00 a.m.	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Wednesday	March 1	5:45 p.m.	Salem Chimes
		6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:15 p.m.	Salem Ringers
		7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
			Salem Chancel Choir Practice after Worship
Thursday	March 2	7:00 p.m.	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	March 5	8:45 a.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
			Praise Team Practice after Worship
		4:00-5:30 p.m.	Exhale

SALEM SEEKERS

TODAY'S MINISTRY

"Fruits of the Holy Spirit"	March 5
Gathering Room	ALL CHILDREN MEDIA & POPCORN
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Acolytes: Clara Doubet/Grace Quart
Greeter: Cindy Henschen
Liturgist: Irving Gray
Nursery: Sarah Bolyard/Kelsey Quade
Sound: Ron Mindrup
Ushers: Brian Duncan/Connie Duncan
 Emily/Katelyn Duncan
 Gene Templeman
 Terri Templeman

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	Patti Reckmann – Custodian

HELP FOR THE BOLEN FAMILY

On Friday, January 27, the home of Damien, Sara, Reese, Will, and Lauren Bolen was lost to a fire. Many people have asked, "How can we help?" We, as Salem Church, also want to be of help. I would suggest the following:

If you are writing a check, please make your check out to "Salem UCC" and in the memo line please write "Bolen Family."

Please consider gift cards from places such as: Walmart, Lowes, Target, grocery stores, etc. These can also be placed in the jar.

Please keep the Bolen family in your thoughts and prayers as they face this difficult time.

MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There will be an informational parent meeting after church, today for any kids interested in the middle school mission trip June 23-25 to Merom Conference Center in Merom, Indiana. This is for students who are in 6th through 8th grade this school year. If your child is interested, please consider attending this meeting to get more information.

MAZZIO'S PIZZA NIGHT

Hitz Memorial Home will be having a pizza night at Mazzio's on Monday, March 13th from 5:00-9:00 pm to help the Auxiliary Support.

MISSION TO GO

On March 25th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. the Mission/Stewardship Committee will be holding a Mission To Go Barbecue.

The menu consists of barbecued pork steak, homemade potato salad, homemade coleslaw, homemade pork/beans, bread, and dessert.

Funds raised will be used to help support the Youth Mission Trip and Ecuador (Tosagua – July 8 – 17) Mission Trip.

EXHALE TRIVIA NIGHT

Exhale is collecting donations for the silent auction at their Trivia Night on April 8th. This can be a themed basket, a gift certificate to be used as a prize, or money that can be used towards a gift certificate. Please contact Becca with any questions.

FAMILY NIGHT

This year's family night will be Saturday, March 18 at 6:30 pm. The dinner will once again be catered by Sundae Best from Benld. This year's entertainment will be the "B" Street Band from St. Paul UCC in Belleville. "B" Street Band is a multi-generational group of faithful people who share their musical talents and their stories of faith. Please sign up for the Family Night outside the church office or in the Narthex. Tickets are \$7.00 for ages 5 & up (ages 4 and under are free). Please see Lorene Knackstedt or Lorene Uhe for tickets.

MISSION TO GO!!!

COME ON OUT FOR A DELICIOUS BARBECUE!

The Mission/Stewardship Committee will be holding a Mission To Go Barbecue, to be held Saturday, March 25th from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The menu consists of barbecued pork steak, homemade potato salad, homemade cole slaw, homemade pork/beans, bread, and dessert.

Funds raised will be used to help support the Ecuador Mission Trips and the Exhale Youth Mission Trip.

You have your choice of:

- Carry Out
- Drive Through
- Dine in

Please come and show your support for those who are going to do God's worldly work.

Bread of Life Members and Friends:

The pantry is low on the following items:

Dollar Tree

Sugar	Jelly
Pancake mix	Bake Beans
Syrup	Coffee
Flour	Frosting
Laundry detergent	Cooking Oil
Spaghetti sauce	

Walmart

Dish detergent	Corn bread mix
Shampoo	

Aldi's

Mustard	Flour
Ketchup	Sugar

As always, thank you for your support.

Bread of Life Food Pantry

Next week is Food Collection Sunday.