

Salem United Church of Christ

May 28, 2017

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor John Mindrup, Assistant Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director & Praise Team

Pre-Service Music

"My Life is in You, Lord"

"He is Exalted"

"This is the Day"

Greeting / Life & Mission of Salem

+Call to Worship

When I think on my own thoughts, I think small thoughts. When I think on You my Lord, I think great thoughts.

How vast is the wonder of our Lord? In silent wonder we come before you, awed by Your mystery.

What can we say to so high a love, so perfect a righteousness, so infinite a grace?

Yet we cannot be silent. We must speak of Your saving grace. We must sing of Your wonder. May all that has life lift up Your praise!

+Opening Song

"Shout to the Lord"

+Opening Prayer

+Passing of the Peace

Time with Children

Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

Special Music

"Above All"

Praise Team

New Testament Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Sermon

Witness to the Mystery

Prayer of the People

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

Invitation & Offertory

"The Waiting"

Laura Renken

+Doxology

"Praise the Name of Jesus"

+Prayer of Dedication

+Closing Hymn

"He Has Made Me Glad"

+The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

(Please Hold Hands)

+Benediction

+Response

"Make Me a Servant"

~ SALEM'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING

How does our church vision the future of Christianity? Many UCC congregations are asking a range of questions on this subject, from "Who are we, and who is God calling us to be?" or "How do we think beyond our walls to impact the community around us for the better?" to "Where are the younger Christians?" Strengthen the Church offering is used to envision and invest in the many voices of what church can be --to invest in the future of Christianity! With your gifts to this offering, we are able to fund new ministries that experiment with church beyond the walls of our buildings. We are able to resource and inspire churches seeking to do a bold new thing for the sake of the Gospel. With your help, we can live into the United Church of Christ's vision for a just world for all. Investing in the future of Christianity and the church is investing in the vision of what God is calling us to do, together. Strengthen the Church special offering envelopes will be available when the offering is collected on Sunday, June 4.

JOIN US IN ROME FOR VBS

June 12 to June 15, 2017...the fun starts at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall and ends at 8:30pm. Registration forms are available on the table outside the church office.

L.U.N.C.H BUNCH

In collaboration with local churches, Salem will be participating in a program to address hunger in our communities. The L.U.N.C.H. Bunch program is directed toward children who normally receive lunch at school but now do not have access. The program in our area will begin on June 5, Monday through Friday. We are looking for volunteers to pick up lunches at Grantfork UCC and then go to Alhambra Park for distribution. At most it would take an hour to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the church office to be put on the schedule.

~ SALEM'S CALENDAR ~

Sunday	May 28		No Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Worship / Praise Sunday NO Exhale
Monday	May 29	10:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Worship at Salem Cemetery No Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Wednesday	May 31		Exhale Field Day at Park with Staunton Exhale Group
Thursday	June 1	7:00 p.m.	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	June 4		No Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		9:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion Fellowship Hour following Worship Middle School Mission Trip Parent Meeting after Worship Praise Team Practice after Worship
		4:00-5:30 p.m.	Exhale

SALEM STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION:

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TODAY'S MINISTRY

Acolytes: Brianna Follwell, Tessa Renken
Greeter: Pat Hinton
Liturgist: Laura Muench

Nursery: Clint Conrad, Jenna Conrad
Sound: Ron Mindrup
Ushers: Ken Gehrig, Steve Stille, Ken Suhre,
 Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt