

## Prelude

### 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 \*\*

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,

**and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Your steadfast love endures forever.

**Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.**

Happy are those who sing your praise

**and extol your righteousness all the day.**

Praise the Lord!

#### +Opening Prayer

#### +Opening Hymn

*"Amazing Grace"*

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#### +Prayer of Confession \*\*

Let us confess our sins to God, whose loving, kindness endures forever.

**O Lord, you taught us to love you and our neighbor, but we have not lived in right relationship or walked in the light of your love. Forgive us for the wrongs we have done; we know that the wages of sin is death.**

**Yet we trust in your gift of forgiveness, which is freedom and life in Christ. Amen.**

#### +Assurance of Pardon

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ. Be at peace, for you have been freed from sin that you may serve with righteousness, to the glory and praise of God

**Praise be to God!**

## +The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**(Please Hold Hands)**

## +Benediction

## +Response

***"God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again"***

God be with you 'til we meet again  
If life's trials should confound you,  
God will put His arms around you  
God be with you 'til we meet again.

## +Postlude

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

**This worship service will be live-streamed, and you may appear on camera.**

\*\* *Feasting on the Word Year A, Volume 2*

## **~ Today's Favorite Hymn ~**

### ***"America the Beautiful"***

This was submitted by **Patty Uhe** because it is a beautiful song for Fourth of July Sunday when we should all remember how great this country we live in is.

### ***"Amazing Grace"***

This favorite hymn was submitted by **Shirley Collmann** because it was Jim's favorite.

It was also submitted by **Steve Stille** as one of his favorites.

**Laura Muench** also submitted this hymn because it used to make her cry at funerals until she really listened to the words. Now it makes her happy.

## **TODAY'S MINISTRY**

**Greeter:** Larry McGee  
**Liturgist:** Laura Muench  
**Sound:** Ron Mindrup  
**Ushers:** Scott Demkey, Krista Mansholt,  
Dave & Ronna Renken, Lisa Uhe

## **SALEM SEEKERS**

There will be no Sunday School during the summer.  
(May 28, 2017 – September 3, 2017)

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The 2017-2018 Sunday School year will begin on  
September 10, 2017, on Rally Day (Worship in the Park)  
at Alhambra Park.

## **SALEM STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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# ~ SALEM'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

## Fellowship Hour

Please join us in the downstairs Parish Hall for donuts, milk, juice, coffee and Fellowship!

## Volunteers Needed For Men's Choir

Men's Choir group will be practicing Wednesday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m. We will be singing in church on July 9.

## Salem UCC Movie Night

Mark your calendar for Saturday, July 22 for Salem UCC Movie Night, which will be on the basketball court. This is a free event and all ages are welcome. "*Beauty and the Beast*" will be shown at 8:00 p.m.

## Welcome New Members – August 13

If you, or someone you know, would like to become a member of Salem UCC, please contact the church office. We will be welcoming new members on Sunday, August 13.

## Volunteers Needed For Special Music This Summer!!!

We are looking for people to help out with special music over the summer. Please see Dawn Reinhardt if you are willing to help provide special music this summer.

# ~ SALEM'S CALENDAR ~

|           |           |            |                                         |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | July 2    | 8:00 a.m.  | Adult Sunday School                     |
|           |           | 9:00 a.m.  | Worship with Communion                  |
|           |           |            | Fellowship Hour following Worship       |
|           |           |            | Praise Team Practice after Worship      |
|           |           |            | No Exhale                               |
| Monday    | July 3    | 11:30 a.m. | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery               |
|           |           | 6:30 p.m.  | Property Committee Meeting              |
| Tuesday   | July 4    |            | No L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery            |
|           |           |            | No Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday | July 5    | 11:30 a.m. | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery               |
|           |           | 7:00 p.m.  | Men's Choir Practice                    |
| Thursday  | July 6    | 11:30 a.m. | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery               |
|           |           |            | No BOCE Meeting                         |
| Friday    | July 7    | 11:30 a.m. | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery               |
| Sat-Sat   | July 8-15 |            | Senior High Mission Trip to Florida     |
| Sunday    | July 9    | 9:00 a.m.  | Praise Worship                          |
|           |           |            | Fellowship Hour after Worship           |
|           |           |            | Praise Team Practice after Worship      |
|           |           |            | No Exhale                               |

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And if anyone  
**gives** even a cup  
of cold **water** to  
one of these  
**little ones...**  
he will **certainly**  
not lose his  
**reward.**

Matthew 10:42

July 2, 2017 9:00 a.m.

*Today's Worship Leaders:*

Pastor Jerry Amiri, Senior Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director

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

## **+Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Fath`er, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.*

## **+Passing of the Peace**

## **Time with Children**

## **New Testament Reading                  **Romans 6:12-23****

## **Special Music                  **"If the Lord Wasn't Walking By My Side"** **Jim Annable & Darrin Reinhardt****

## **Gospel Reading                  **Matthew 10:40-42****

## **Message                          **"Receiving Gifts"****

## **+The Apostle's Creed (Unison)                                                                  **136****

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God**

## **Invitation & Offertory                  **"Crying in the Chapel"**    **Jim Annable****

## **+Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

## **+Prayer of Dedication**

## **The Celebration of Communion**

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## **Words of Institution**

### **Sharing the Gifts of God    *"Come to the Table"*    **Pastor Jerry****

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## **+Communion Prayer**

### **+Closing Hymn                    *"America The Beautiful"***

Oh beautiful for spacious skies For amber waves of grain  
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain

America, America! God shed His grace on thee  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea

Oh beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare of freedom beat Across the wilderness

America, America, God mend thine every flaw  
Confirm thy soul in self-control Thy liberty in law

Oh beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife  
Who more than self their country loved And mercy more than life

America, America, May God thy gold refine  
Till all success be nobleness And every gain divine

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