

## Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude

*“Forever/Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”*

Donal Reagan - percussion

## 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 119)

Your Word is a lamp before my feet

**And a light for my journey**

I have sworn and I fully mean it:

**I will keep your righteous rules.**

I have been suffering so much.

**Lord, make me live again according to your promise.**

Your laws are my possessions forever.

**Because they are my heart’s joy.**

### +Opening Prayer

### +Opening Hymn

*“It Is Well With My Soul”*

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### +Passing of the Peace

## Time with Children

### Psalm Reading

Romans 8:1-11

### Special Music

*“Sweet Hour of Prayer/In the Garden”*

Cherie Kuhn & Mindy Mindrup

### Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### Sermon

*Explaining Parables*

### +The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

*(Inside Cover of Hymnal)*

## Pastoral Prayer

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

### Invitation & Offertory

*”Mighty to Save/Jesus Saves”*

Donal Reagan – percussion

**+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**

**+Closing Hymn**                **“Jesus Thou Divine Companion”**                **(See Insert)**

**+The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)**                **(Please Hold Hands)**

**+Benediction**

**+Response**                                **“It is Well with My Soul”**

It is well, with my soul  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

**+Postlude**

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

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*~ Today’s Favorite Hymn ~*

***It is Well with My Soul.....***

This favorite hymn was submitted by **Melanie Bonnell** because it brings her peace.

***Jesus Thou Divine Companion.....***

This favorite hymn was submitted by **Carol Reckman** because this hymn lifts up the importance of patiently and lovingly working hard to help others.

# ~ SALEM'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

## FELLOWSHIP HOUR

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

## 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.

## ACOLYTE TRAINING

There will be an acolyte training session on Sunday, July 30, following the worship service. If you are going to be in the 3rd grade or higher, you are invited to become an acolyte. If you are going to be in the 7th grade or 8th grade, you are required to be an acolyte as part of your Confirmation. Please contact the church office if you cannot attend this training session or have any questions or concerns.

## MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS WITH PASTOR JERRY

Come join us at Maedge's on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to have a cup of coffee, discuss the sermon, read scripture together, and talk about whatever is on your mind.

## TODAY'S MINISTRY

**Greeter:** Debbie Passig  
**Liturgist:** Anita K. Cain  
**Sound:** Ron Mindrup  
**Ushers:** Paige Basler, Judy Blom,  
Justin Bonnell,  
Laverne Korsmeyer, Laura Muench

## 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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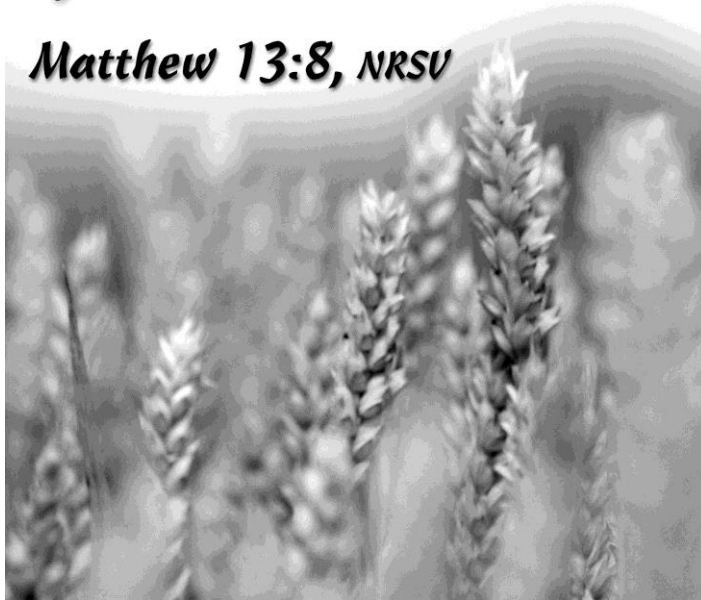
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***Other seeds fell  
on good soil and  
brought forth  
grain ....***

***Matthew 13:8, NRSV***



**July 16, 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.***

## ~ SALEM'S CALENDAR ~

|           |         |                                      |                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | July 16 | 9:00 a.m.                            | Worship<br>Fellowship Hour following Worship<br>Praise Team Practice following Worship<br>Historical Committee Meeting following Worship<br>No Exhale |
| Monday    | July 17 | 10:00 a.m.<br>11:30 a.m.             | Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's<br>L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery                                                                                   |
| Tuesday   | July 18 | 9:00 a.m.<br>11:30 a.m.<br>1:00 p.m. | August Messenger Articles Due<br>L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery<br>Senior Citizens                                                                         |
| Wednesday | July 19 | 11:30 a.m.                           | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery                                                                                                                             |
| Thursday  | July 20 | 11:30 a.m.                           | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery                                                                                                                             |
| Friday    | July 21 | 11:30 a.m.                           | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery                                                                                                                             |
| Saturday  | July 22 | 7:00 p.m.<br>8:00 p.m.               | River Bend Astronomy Club Meeting<br>Salem UCC Movie Night on Basketball Court                                                                        |
| Sunday    | July 23 | 8:00 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.               | Adult Sunday School Class<br>Worship<br>Fellowship Hour following Worship<br>Praise Team Practice following Worship<br>No Exhale                      |