

## Ringing of the Bell

### 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 (Adapted from Psalm 139)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;**

You discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down,**

Even before a word is on my tongue,

**O LORD, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,

**and lay your hand upon me.**

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;

**it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

### +Opening Prayer

### +Opening Hymn

*“Dwell in Me, O Blessed Soul”*

*(See insert)*

### +Passing of the Peace

### Time with Children

### Epistle Reading

**Romans 8: 12-25**

### Special Music

*“Sunday School Medley“*

**Special Bells**

**Lisa Uhe, Emily Uhe, Joye Brase, Mindy Mindrup,  
Patti Reckmann, Becca Braundmeier**

### Gospel Reading

**Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43**

### Sermon

**“Gardening Tips For the Soul”**

### +The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

*(Inside Cover of Hymnal)*

### Pastoral Prayer

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

## Invitation & Offertory

### +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

**“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

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### +The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

**(Please Hold Hands)**

### +Benediction

### +Response

**“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace.

### +Postlude

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## TODAY’S MINISTRY

**Greeter:** Elinor Stille  
**Liturgist:** Faye Brown  
**Sound:** Ron Mindrup  
**Ushers:** Ken Gehrig, Steve Stille,  
Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt,  
Ken Suhre

## 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.

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

### ***Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus.....***

This favorite hymn was submitted by **Dave Renken**.

### ***Dwell in Me.....***

This favorite hymn was submitted by **Sharon Giesecking**. This is her favorite because she came to Salem as a child with her Grandma Lena Hosto and Aunt Deedee. This hymn was one that she remembered singing as a child. She found this hymn in one of our hymnals.

This favorite hymn was also submitted by **Carol Reckman** because it speaks to me of my need of the Holy Spirit every moment of every day.

## **~ SALEM'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ~**

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

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

### **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.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **LABOR DAY WEEKEND OF FAMILY FUN AT SHANNONDALE!**

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017**

Activities include canoeing/kayaking, swimming, hiking, volleyball, sightseeing, etc. Dining and accommodations are at Timber Lodge. Additional lodging is available in air conditioned cabins on a first come, first served basis. Tent/RV camping spaces are also available. Come for all or part of the weekend! Please contact Krista Mansholt at 488-6765 or [mansholt@agtelco.com](mailto:mansholt@agtelco.com) with questions.

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**Matthew 13:24-30**

**July 23, 2017– 9:00 a.m.**

***Today's Worship Leaders:***

**Rev. 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 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 |
| Monday    | July 24 | 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 25 | 11:30 a.m.               | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery                                                                                                        |
| Wednesday | July 26 | 11:30 a.m.               | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery                                                                                                        |
| Thursday  | July 27 | 11:30 a.m.               | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery                                                                                                        |
| Friday    | July 28 | 11:30 a.m.               | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery                                                                                                        |
| Sunday    | July 30 | 9:00 a.m.                | Praise Worship<br>Fellowship Hour following Worship<br>Acolyte Training following Worship<br>No Exhale                           |

### SALEM STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION:

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