

## Ringling of the Bell

### Prelude

## Greeting / Life & Mission of Salem

*Blue 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\*\*

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams,

**Whose love has conquered death.**

Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps,

**Who leads us into life.**

**Praise the Lord!**

### +Opening Prayer

#### +Opening Hymn

***"The Old Rugged Cross"***

**256**

### +Prayer of Confession\*\*

If God is for us, who can be against us? Let us confess our sins to the One who searches us and knows us.

**We confess that we have turned away from you and have not lived with upright hearts. Forgive us for failing to follow you.**

**Guide our feet to walk in your ways and serve your world to the glory of your name. Amen**

### +Assurance of Pardon\*\*

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

**Praise be to God!**

### +Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, 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**

## **Psalm Reading**

**Psalm 17: 1-7, 15**

## **Special Music**

***"When I Consider"***  
**Pastor Jerry and Carol Amiri**

## **Epistle Reading**

**Romans 9:1-5**

## **Message**

***"Truth in Christ"***

## **+The Apostle's 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. Amen.*

## **+Prayer of Dedication**

## **The Celebration of Communion**

We celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion in remembrance of the love and hope Christ brings to this day and to our lives. Salem Church, as a United Church of Christ, practices "open" communion meaning anyone who has chosen to follow Jesus Christ is welcome to the table by His invitation. Come as you are for you are welcome here! Please fill out a communion card, which you may find in the pew rack, and place your communion card in the offering plate.

(We celebrate altar communion by intinction. You are invited to come to the front using the middle aisle, break off a piece of bread, and dip it into the wine. Please use the side aisles when returning to your seat.)

## **+Communion Hymn**      ***"Let Us Break Bread Together"***      **564**

## +Invitation

## +Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**  
Open your hearts. **We open them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God our thanks and praise**

## Words of Institution

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

## +Communion Prayer

+Closing Hymn *"Blessed Assurance"* 67

+The Lord's Prayer (Unison) (Please Hold Hands)

+Benediction *"Blessed Assurance"*

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.**

## +Response

## +Postlude

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\*\* Parts of today's liturgy was taken from *Feasting on the Word Liturgies For Year A, Volume 2*

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

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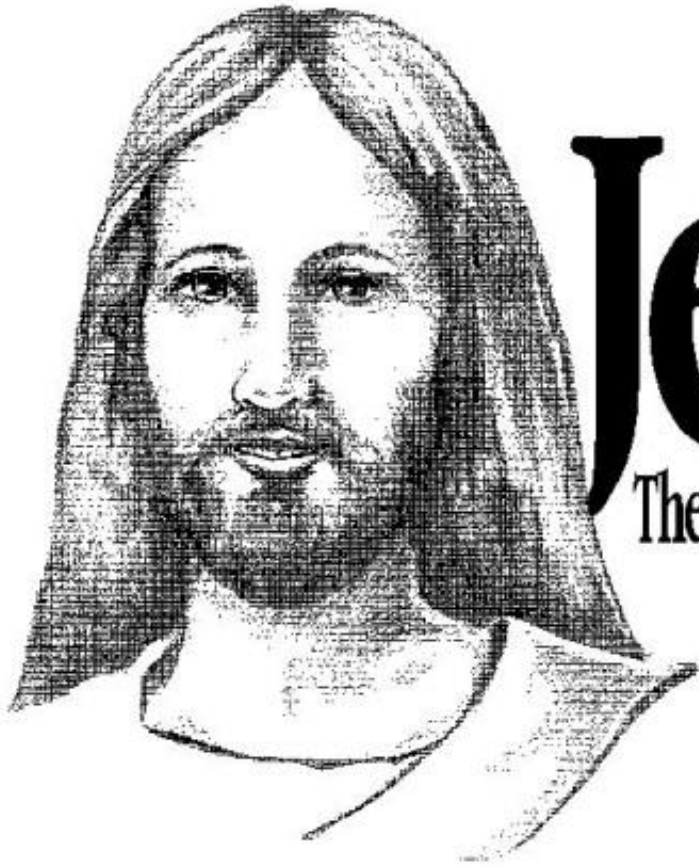
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# Jesus.

The Way. The Truth. The Light.

**August 6, 2017 9:00 a.m.**

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

**Pastor Jerry Amiri, Senior Pastor & Doris, Driscoll, Guest Organist**

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

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

### ***The Old Rugged Cross .....***

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This favorite hymn was submitted by **Leon Uhe**. This was one of Reverend Bizer's favorites, and it reminds me of him.

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This favorite hymn was submitted by **Patty Uhe**. This hymn reminds me of my teen years when I went to Shannondale Church Camp with my Uncle Bud & Aunt Alma. On the last night there, we would have communion around the campfire and always sing this song before communion with the heat of the fire touching our faces and legs. Something I will never forget.

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

### **FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

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

### **ROOF INFORMATIONAL MEETING – TODAY**

There will be an informational meeting regarding the rooves of the Sanctuary and the Parsonage **today** following the worship service.

### **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.

### **EXHALE KICKOFF – AUGUST 13**

Exhale Kickoff will be on Sunday, August 13 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Salem UCC. All kids 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome. Join us for outdoor fun, food, and fellowship as we kick off the new year of Exhale.

### **HOSPICE VOLUNTEER MEETING – AUGUST 20**

Heartland Hospice Care is looking for volunteers to become part of a vital ministry – hospice care. What is hospice? Hospice is a special kind of care designed to provide comfort as well as spiritual and emotional support for terminally ill patients and their families. If you would like to volunteer or want more information, there will be an informational meeting in the Gathering Room following worship on Sunday, August 20. Grab a donut and check out the volunteer opportunities.

### **FAMILY FUN AT SHANNONDALE – SEPT 1-SEPT 4**

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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## ~ SALEM'S CALENDAR ~

Sunday	August 6	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School Worship with Communion Fellowship Hour following Worship Roof Informational Meeting following Worship No Praise Team Practice No Exhale
Monday	August 7	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	August 8	11:30 a.m.	L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery
Wednesday	August 9	11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery Vision Committee Meeting
Thursday	August 10	11:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery Church Council Meeting Cub Scouts
Friday	August 11	11:30 a.m.	L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery
Sunday	August 13	9:00 a.m.  10:15 a.m. 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Worship / Welcome New Members Fellowship Hour following Worship Praise Team Practice following Worship Historical Committee Meeting Exhale Kickoff

### **TODAY'S MINISTRY**

**Greeter:** Verna Gilley  
**Liturgist:** Patty Uhe  
**Sound:** Ron Mindrup  
**Ushers:** Brian & Connie Duncan,  
 Emily Duncan, Katelyn Duncan,  
 Gene & Terri Templeman

### **SALEM SEEKERS**

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 (May 28, 2017 – September 3, 2017)

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 September 10, 2017, on Rally Day (Worship in the Park)  
 at Alhambra Park.

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| Sunday    | August 6  | 8:00 a.m.<br>9:00 a.m.                        | Adult Sunday School<br>Worship with Communion<br>Fellowship Hour following Worship<br>Roof Informational Meeting following Worship<br>No Praise Team Practice<br>No Exhale |
| Monday    | August 7  | 10:00 a.m.<br>11:30 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m.         | Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's<br>L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery<br>Property Committee Meeting                                                                          |
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| Thursday  | August 10 | 11:30 a.m.<br>7:00 p.m.<br>7:00 p.m.          | L.U.N.C.H. Bunch delivery<br>Church Council Meeting<br>Cub Scouts                                                                                                          |
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