

## **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**

By Your love, O God, we receive grace upon grace; good measure, shaken down, pressed down, and overflowing.

**You mercies are new each morning, O Lord. As the dew silently appears upon the blades of grass, You come faithfully caring for Your children.**

You have called us out of the darkness into Your wondrous light.

**We seek You, O Lord. We have glimpse of the wonder of Your glory! You are God almighty! We praise You forever!**

### **+Opening Prayer**

### **+Opening Hymn**

***"Beyond the Sunset"***

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### **+Passing of the Peace**

### **Time with Children**

### **Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 50:15-21**

### **Special Music**

***"Sing a Song of Praise"***

**Salem Chancel Choir**

### **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

### **Message**

***"Forgiven and Forgiving"***

### **+The Apostles' Creed (Unison)**

**(Inside cover of the 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**

**"There is a Green Hill Far Away"**

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**+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.

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*Today's flowers are in honor of Olin Zweck's 80th Birthday (09/19)  
and were placed there with love by his family.*

**~ Today's Favorite Hymn ~**

***Beyond the Sunset...*** Submitted by Carol Reckman because this was one of her father's favorite hymns. Her father singing this song is also one of her favorite childhood memories.

***There is a Green Hill Far Away...*** Submitted by Patty Uhe because it's an Easter hymn that she loves to hear and sing.

**SALEM SEEKERS**

<b>"Joseph – Coat of Many Colors" Rotation</b>	<b>September 24</b>
<b>Gathering Room</b>	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
<b>Faith Island</b> (Games & Music)	<b>K, 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades</b>
<b>Disciples Dune's</b> (Cooking)	<b>3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Grades</b>
<b>Gathering Room</b>	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

**TODAY'S MINISTRY**

**Acolytes:** Heath Follwell, Syler Hogg  
**Greeter:** Jim Annable  
**Liturgist:** Dagmar Annable  
**Sound:** Ron Mindrup  
**Nursery:** Emily Uhe, Patty Uhe  
**Ushers:** Donna Yates, Anita K. Cain,  
Dennis Conrad, Larry McGee,  
Ken Suhre

# ~ SALEM'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday	Sept. 17	8:45 a.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
			No Praise Team Practice
		3:00-5:00 p.m.	Illinois South Conference Pre-Annual Mtg.
		4:00-5:30 p.m.	Exhale
Monday	Sept. 18	10:00 a.m.	Monday Morning Reflections at Maedge's
Tuesday	Sept. 19	1:00 p.m.	Senior Citizens
Wednesday	Sept. 20	6:00 p.m.	Salem Chimes Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:30 p.m.	Salem Ringers Practice
		7:30 p.m.	Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Sept. 21	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts
		7:00 p.m.	Guild & Brotherhood Meeting
Saturday	Sept. 23	9:00 a.m.	Exhale & Salem UCC Workday
Sunday	Sept. 24	8:45 a.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
			No Praise Team Practice
		4:00-5:30 p.m.	Exhale

## **EXHALE WORKDAY**

Exhale will be hosting a workday on September 23 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Exhale members are encouraged to help; all the parents and other adults in the congregation are welcome as well. Some things to bring that we will be using: rakes, buckets, gloves, paintbrushes.

## **DUBOIS FALL FESTIVAL – OCT 1**

DuBois Center Fall Festival and Vintage Market will be Sunday, October 1 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will include crafters, live music, an upscale resale shop, and plenty of delicious food and more. Visit [duboiscenter.org](http://duboiscenter.org) for further details.

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

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...how often should  
I forgive?  
"Not SEVEN times,  
but, I tell you,  
SEVENTY-  
SEVEN  
times."

*Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV*

September 17, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

*Today's Worship Leaders:*

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

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