

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

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

Good people of the church, Lift up your eyes and see.

Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.

Good servants of the Most High, Open your ears to hear.

Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God meets us here.

Good children of the light, Open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

For we have seen, heard and known, From the beginning to the end, Our God...is.

+Opening Prayer

+Opening Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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+Prayer of Confession

What do we hold and treasure most?

Is it the promises of God?

What captivates our attention?

Is it the grace of God?

God of mercy and grace:

We are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable. We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness.

Heal us, O God, to make us better healers. Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders. Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression. We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better. Amen.

+Assurance of Pardon

+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

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Special Music

“Marching with the Saints”

Chancel Choir

Donal Reagan – percussion Jim Annable - trumpet
Faye Brown – baritone Chris Uhe - saxophone

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Message

“Witnessing”

+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

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 member of 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! (The center rings of the tray are wine and the outer ring is grape juice.)

+Communion Hymn

“Bless Be the Tie That Binds”

560

+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

+ Prayer of Thanksgiving

+Closing Hymn

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

48

+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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SALEM STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION:

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SALEM SEEKERS

“Jesus is Baptized” Rotation	February 11
Gathering Room	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
All Children in Gathering Room for Media	
Gathering Room	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

TODAY’S MINISTRY

Acolytes: Heath Follwell, Syler Hogg
Greeter: Verna Gilley
Liturgist: Ronna Renken
Nursery: Clint Conrad, Jenna Conrad
Sound: Ron Mindrup
Ushers: Ken Suhre, Steve Stille
 Lewis & Lorene Knackstedt
 Kenny Gehrig

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February 4, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Pastor Ivan Schoen, Interim Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director

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

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