

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

“Come Away to the Skies”

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

We stand in the need of the presence of God.

Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.

But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

Lord, guide our steps.

Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God. Amen.

+Opening Prayer

+Opening Hymn

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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+Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we have cluttered the “temples” of our lives with so much unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have been keenly aware of our economic situation and have spent much time and energy worrying about these things. Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied with these things that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ. 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

Installation of 2018 Church Council Members and Officers

Time with Children

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

Special Music

“*Bow the Knee*”

Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

John 2:13-22

Message

“*What We Need*”

+The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)

(Inside cover of the Hymnal)

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

Invitation & Offertory

“*Amazing Grace*”

+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

“*Let Us Break Bread Together*”

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+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

+The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

(Please Hold Hands)

+Benediction

+Response

“You’ll Find Love”
*You’ll find love that’s waiting for you
 It’s the heart of Christ that’s aching here for you
 There’s a family reaching out for you.
 You’ll find love outpoured. Love’s broken for you.*

+Postlude

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

We, Salem UCC, broadcast our worship service on the internet via Livestream. If you have concerns regarding your image or your family’s image being broadcast, you may want to consider sitting in the balcony, the wings, or the back of the church. Children’s Time is broadcast, so please take that under consideration.

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SALEM SEEKERS

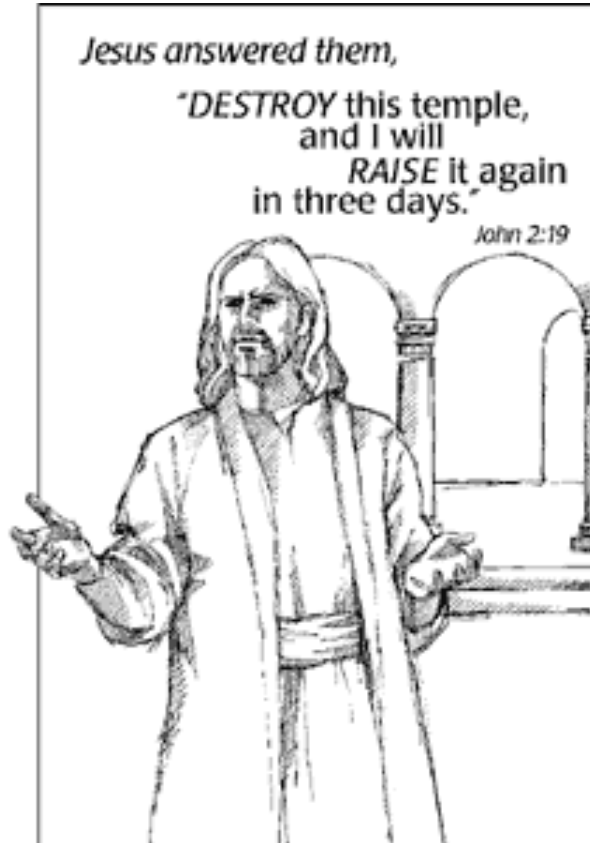
“Mary & Martha” Rotation	March 11
Gathering Room	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
All Children in Gathering Room for Media	
Gathering Room	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

TODAY’S MINISTRY

Acolytes: Kylie Ketcham, Koy Ketcham
Greeter: Gene & Terri Templeman
Liturgist: Mary Reinhardt
Nursery: Jessica Ketcham
 Heather Henkhaus
Sound: Ron Mindrup
Ushers: Jayne & Steve Roper
 Laura Muench, Judy Blom
 Paige Basler

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March 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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