

Salem United Church of Christ

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

PALM / CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

March 25, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.

Today’s Worship Leaders:

**Pastor Ivan Schoen, Interim Pastor & John Mindrup, Assistant Pastor
& Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director**

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

**“The Holy City”
Joye Brase**

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

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Open wide the gates of your hearts.

Let the Savior enter!

Shout with joy, all you people.

The Savior has come forth bringing peace. Amen.

+Opening Prayer

+Processional Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna“

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+Passing of the Peace

Baptism

Landon James Schlechte

(See Insert)

Time with Children

The Rite of Confirmation

(See Insert)

Psalm Reading

Psalm 47

Special Music “*Thy Will*” Tiffany Gillison
Violin – Mindy Mindrup; Percussion – Donal Reagan

Gospel Reading Mark 11:1-11

Message “*Two Parades*”

+The Apostles’ Creed (Unison) (Inside cover of the Hymnal)

Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

Invitation & Offertory “*Angel’s Blessing*”

+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 “*All Glory, Laud and Honor*” 249

+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 here for you.

+Postlude

*The flowers worn by the Confirmands
are in loving memory of Carol Dauderman given by Bob Dauderman.*

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

**The Nursery is available and staffed for children age 3 and under.
Parents please sign-in and sign-out your child(ren). Thank you.**

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.

~ SALEM'S CALENDAR ~

Sunday	Mar. 25	8:45 a.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Worship / Palm Sunday / Confirmation
			No Praise Team Practice
		4:00 p.m.	Exhale
Wednesday	Mar. 28	6:00 p.m.	Salem Chimes Practice
		6:30 p.m.	Salem Ringers Practice
		7:30 p.m.	Salem Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	Mar. 29	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
Friday	Mar. 30	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship
Saturday	Mar. 31	10:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday	Apr. 1	6:30 a.m.	Sunrise Easter Worship
		7:00-9:45 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
		8:00 a.m.	Easter Worship with Pew Communion
			No Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Easter Worship with Altar Communion
			No Exhale or Praise Team Practice

SALEM STAFF & CONTACT INFORMATION:

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John Mindrup – Assistant Pastor johnc1956@live.com	Dawn Reinhardt – Music Director rnhrtfamfarm@agtelco.com
Kerri Reilson – Office Coordinator salemuccalh@gmail.com	Patti Reckmann – Custodian pattireckmann@yahoo.com
Becca Braundmeier – Youth Director rjbraundmeier@gmail.com	Ron Mindrup – Sound Technician mindr@agtelco.com

TODAY'S MINISTRY

- Acolytes:** Caitlyn Burton, Destiny Odle
- Greeter:** Sharon Hanes & Lorman Reckmann
- Liturgist:** Irving Gray
- Nursery:** Clint & Jenna Conrad
- Sound:** Ron Mindrup
- Ushers:** Jessica Ketcham, Sharon Kaufman
Doris Driscoll, Haley Basler
Brady Quade

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Invitation & Address

Questions for Parents & Godparents

+Family & Friends Assent

+Affirmation of Faith

Prayer of Baptism

Baptism with Water & the Holy Spirit

Introduction of the Newly Baptized

Baptismal Hymn **“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”**

*Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him Belong, They are weak but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
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*Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven’s gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.*

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The Rite of Confirmation

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Invitation

Presentation of the Candidates

Questions for the Candidates

+Affirming Baptism

+Congregational Prayer (Unison)

All mighty God, who in baptism received these, Your servants, into the church; forgave their sins; promised them eternal life; increased in them the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. Grant: love for others, joy in serving You, peace in disagreement, patience in serving, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, and self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Act of Confirmation

*All family members are invited to come up
and lay hands on their Confirmand.*

Prayer of Confirmation

Address

Question about Participation

Welcome (Unison)

We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit fill us with power and all understanding as we grow together as the witnesses of our Risen Savior.

Greeting of Christian Love

Sharing of Confirmands' Gifts

Prayer of Blessing



"Father,
into your hands
I commend my spirit."

Luke 23:46, NRSV

I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

I was there to hear your boring cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;

I'll be there in case you wander off and find where demons dwell.

When you found the wonder of the Word,

I was there to cheer you on;

You were raised to praise the living God,

to whom you now belong.

Should you find someone to share your time and

you join your hearts as one,

I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,

I'll be there to guide you through the night,

complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your boring cry, I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

About the Confirmands

Elizabeth Faye Brown is the daughter of Clarence & Davina Brown III. She has an older brother, Richard, and a younger sister, Erin. Her grandparents are Gary & Dawn Morgason and the late Clarence and Faye Brown II. Her great-grandmother is Edith Ruehrup. Her godparents are Bob Voegele and Jeff Hobbs. Her confirmation mentor is Dawn Reinhardt. Elizabeth's hobbies include singing, participating in musicals and plays, riding horses, reading, and watching movies.

Syler Allen Hogg is the son of Shawn & Shannon Hogg. He has two younger sisters, Shayden and Sayde. His grandparents are Roger & Shirley Gall, Sue & Marty Wilson, and Stan Hogg. His great-grandparents are the late Delmer & the late Norine Gall, the late Elmer Klenke, the late Marjorie Kline, the late Al and the late Felix Korte, the late Al & the late Georgia Hogg, and Bill & the late June Wilson. Syler's godparents are Richelle Braundmeier and Dustin Gall. His confirmation mentor is Becca Braundmeier. Syler's hobbies include soccer, cross country, track, hunting, fishing, and farming.

The Rite of Confirmation



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Elizabeth Brown

Syler Hogg