

## Ringling of the Bell

Prelude / Lighting of the Candles    **“Mighty is Our God/O Worship the King”**  
**Donal Reagan - Percussion**

## 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

Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

**God’s love is poured in us from our birth.**

We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

**God’s loved is taught to us through the witness of God’s faithful people.**

We are called to proclaim God’s love in all that we say and do.

**In all creation, in all our relationships, may God’s love be made known.  
Amen.**

### +Opening Prayer

### +Opening Hymn

***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”***

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### +Prayer of Confession

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. 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

### Baptism

**Lacey Emmalynn Stille**

**(See Insert)**

### Time with Children

**Epistle Reading**

1 John 5:1-6

**Special Music**

*“God is Here!”*

Chancel Choir

Katelyn Duncan – flute; Grace Quart, Joye Brase, Donal Reagan - Percussion

**Gospel Reading**

John 15: 9-17

**Message**

Missy Loyet, Program Director  
L.U.N.C.H. Bunch

**+The Apostles’ Creed (Unison)**

(Inside cover of the Hymnal)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God**

**Invitation & Offertory**

*“Always Remember Me”*

**+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**

*“Spirit of the Living God”*

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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**

**+Closing Hymn**

*“In Christ There is No East or West”*

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**+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.

**The Nursery is available and staffed for children age 3 and under.**

**Parents please sign-in and sign-out your child(ren). Thank you.**

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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’S CALENDAR ~**

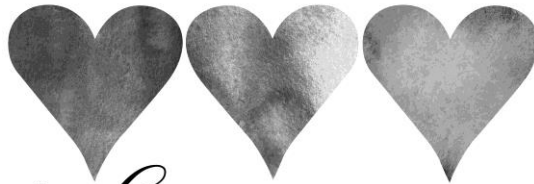
Sunday	May 6	8:45 a.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion/Mission Fest Sunday Potluck following Worship
		4:00 p.m.	Exhale
Monday	May 7	6:30 p.m.	Property Committee Meeting
Wednesday	May 9	6:30 p.m.	Salem Ringers Practice
		7:00 p.m.	Praise Team Practice
Thursday	May 10	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
Sunday	May 13	8:45 a.m.	Salem Seekers (Sunday School)
		10:00 a.m.	Worship / Mother’s Day
		4:00 p.m.	Exhale

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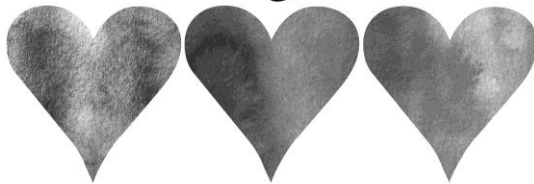
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*“Love  
each other  
as I have  
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



**May 6, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.**

**MISSION FEST**

***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.***

# *The Baptism of Lacey Emmalynn Stille*

May 6, 2018

*Lacey Emmalynn Stille was born on March 1, 2018,  
to parents Patrick & Emily Stille. Lacey is the younger sister of Isla.  
Her grandparents are Tim & Kathy Stille, the late Lisa Stille, and Tim & Kim Vincent.  
Her great-grandparents are Wayne & Alice Stille, Charlotte Vincent,  
Ray & Pat Korte, and Sue Richardson.  
Her godparents are Shane Stille and Heather Wernle.*

## **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!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

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

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

*Jesus, take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly Thine;  
On the cross You died for me, I will try to live for Thee.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

## **Sharing of Gifts & the Blessing**



# ~ SALEM'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

## LOOKING FOR ALL GRADUATES

If you are or know someone who is graduating from high school, college, trade school, or graduate school this year, please contact the church office at 488-3215 or [salemuccalh@gmail.com](mailto:salemuccalh@gmail.com). Graduates will be recognized at the 9:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 3. There will be a reception honoring the graduates following the worship service in the Parish Hall.

## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH SPECIAL OFFERING

The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Strengthen the Church offering envelopes will be in the Sunday, May 20, bulletins. This offering will be collected on Sunday, May 27.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Join us for the ride of a lifetime at Rolling River Rampage VBS, where your child(ren) will discover an interactive, energizing, Bible-based program. During VBS, kids will experience the ride of a lifetime with God, they will become Rafters and explore how to serve God. The white water rafting adventure includes exciting new music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories that will help children know God is always with them as they ride the rapids of life! The adventure runs from **Sunday, June 24, 2018 through Thursday, June 28, 2018 nightly from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm**. Registration forms are available on the table outside the church office or the church's website. VBS is for children ages 3 years old to 5th grade. Children ages 6th grade to high school are encouraged to join our Crew—please contact Becca.

## SALEM SEEKERS

<b>"Elijah" Rotation</b>	<b>May 13</b>
<b>Gathering Room</b>	Opening 8:45 – 9:05 a.m.
<b>Disciples Dune's (Arts &amp; Cooking)</b>	K, 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades
<b>Faith Island (Games)</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades
<b>Gathering Room</b>	Closing 9:40 – 9:50 a.m.

## TODAY'S MINISTRY

**Acolytes:** Shayden Hogg, Sayde Hogg  
**Greeter:** Cindy Henschen  
**Liturgist:** Patty Uhe  
**Nursery:** Jill Verson, Richelle Ernst  
**Sound:** Ron Mindrup  
**Ushers:** Jill Verson, Cameron Verson  
 Tyler Verson, Sam Ahlmeyer  
 Brenda Schlechte

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