

## Ringling of the Bell

### Prelude / Lighting of the Candles

Donal Reagan – Percussion

*“They’ll Know We are Christians By Our Love”*

### 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 gather on this day,

**to praise our God, who is our strength.**

We gather on this holy day,

**to join with Jesus in relieving the burdens of others.**

We gather in this sacred space,

**to be fed by the Spirit with grace and hope.**

#### +Opening Prayer

#### +Opening Hymn

*“Onward, Christian Soldiers”*

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#### +Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, on ordinary days we crush others under the weight of our unrealistic expectations. We knock down friends and neighbors in our rush to get more for ourselves. We bully those around us with misguided words and angry gestures. We worship strange gods - plastic cards, athletes, celebrities - as we turn away from you. We forget how you have set us free, when we turn our backs on the strangers around us. So on this holy day, Gracious God, we pray for your forgiveness. When we could promote ourselves, let us honor those who care for us in ways we do not notice. Instead of pushing people into the shadows, may we walk with them in your light. May we open our hands to serve others with the grace, hope, and peace poured into us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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

## Recognizing Our Graduates

(See Insert)

## Time with Children

Epistle Reading                    2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Special Music                    “*Animal Cracker Rag*”                    Donal Reagan - Percussion

Gospel Reading                    Mark 2:23 - 3:6

Message                            “*Love Fundamentalists*”

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

## Pastoral Prayer

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

Invitation & Offertory                    “*Open My Eyes*”

## +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                    “*You’ll Find Love*”                    (see insert)

## +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

*“Here I Am Lord”*

(see insert)

### +The Lord’s Prayer (Unison)

(Please Hold Hands)

### +Benediction

### +Response

*“On Eagles’ Wings”*

And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

### +Postlude

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

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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	June 3	9:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion / Graduate Recognition Sunday Special Congregational Meeting following Worship
Monday	June 4	6:30 p.m.	Property Committee Meeting
Tuesday	June 5	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	June 6	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Choir Practice
Thursday	June 7	7:00 p.m.	BOCE Meeting
Sunday	June 10	9:00 p.m.	Worship Historical Committee Meeting following Worship

### *Today’s Favorite Hymn - “Onward Christian Soldiers”*

This favorite hymn was submitted by **Edith Ruehrup**. President Roosevelt had this hymn printed in a bible given to soldiers during WWII. Elmer Ruehrup had one given to him, and his family still has this bible.

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But we have this  
treasure in jars of  
clay to show that  
this all-surpassing  
power is from God  
and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

## **Graduation Sunday**

June 3, 2018 – 9:00 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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## GRADUATION RECEPTION

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## 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. 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.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MEN'S CHOIR

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## SALEM SEEKERS

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(May 27, 2018 – September 2, 2018)

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## TODAY'S MINISTRY

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**Liturgist:** Ronna Renken  
**Sound:** Ron Mindrup  
**Ushers:** Jim & Dagmar Annable  
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## High School Graduates

**Derek Michael Ahlmeyer** is the son of Sandy Blom and Mike Ahlmeyer. Derek graduated from Highland High School on May 20, 2018. He plans to attend University of Missouri in Columbia in the fall and major in Mechanical Engineering.

**Haley Marissa Basler** is the daughter of Greg and Paige Basler. Haley graduated from Highland High School on May 20, 2018. While at HHS, Haley was in the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club, Future Medical Careers Club, and a part of the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America club. She also bowled on the Lady Bulldogs Bowling Team for all 4 years. Haley plans on furthering her education at Bradley University in Peoria majoring in Biomedical Science.

**Katelyn Elizabeth Duncan** is the daughter of Brian and Connie Duncan, and sister to Emily Duncan. She graduated from Highland High School on May 20, 2018. Next fall, she will be attending the University of Missouri (Mizzou) to major in Animal Science in the Pre-Veterinary Medicine Scholars Program. After completing undergraduates, she plans on attending Veterinary School to pursue a career as a large and small animal Veterinarian. Throughout high school, she has been dedicated to her leadership positions in Marching and Concert Band, National Honor Society, Future Medical Careers Club, and LEO (Leadership, Experience, Opportunity) Club, and to her involvement in the National Society of High School Scholars, Church Ringers, Book Club, and Saturday Scholars.

**Dacoda Jeffery Riechmann** is the son of Keith and Jessica Iberg. Dacoda graduated from Highland High School on May 20, 2018. Dacoda plans to attend the University of Tennessee-Martin in the fall majoring in criminal justice.

**Delaney Jaden Rigney** is the daughter of Scott and Sherry McKinley. Delaney graduated from Highland High School on May 20, 2018. Delaney plans to attend Illinois State University-Normal in the fall majoring in Psychology.

## College Graduates

**Camie Breann Ernst** is the daughter of Chad & Richelle Ernst. Camie graduated from Kaskaskia College in Centralia, IL on May 11, 2018, with an Associates of Arts Degree. This fall she will be attending Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL where she is pursuing a degree in Agriculture Business.

**Anna Loraine Renken** is the daughter of Dave & Ronna Renken. Anna graduated from the University of Illinois on May 13, 2018, with Bachelor in Fine Arts degree. She will complete her student teaching in Urbana in the fall.

## Graduate School Graduate

**Aaron Walter Uhe**, son of Leon and Patty Uhe, and younger brother of Emily and Christopher, graduated from Southern Illinois University – Carbondale on Saturday, May 12. Aaron Graduated from the College of Architecture with a Master of Architecture Degree. Aaron will receive his diploma upon completion of his Thesis. After Graduation he will work until he completes the 4000 required hours and tests to become a Licensed Architect. During the Masters program, Aaron has worked as a Graduate Assistant in the SIU Architecture Computer Lab.

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