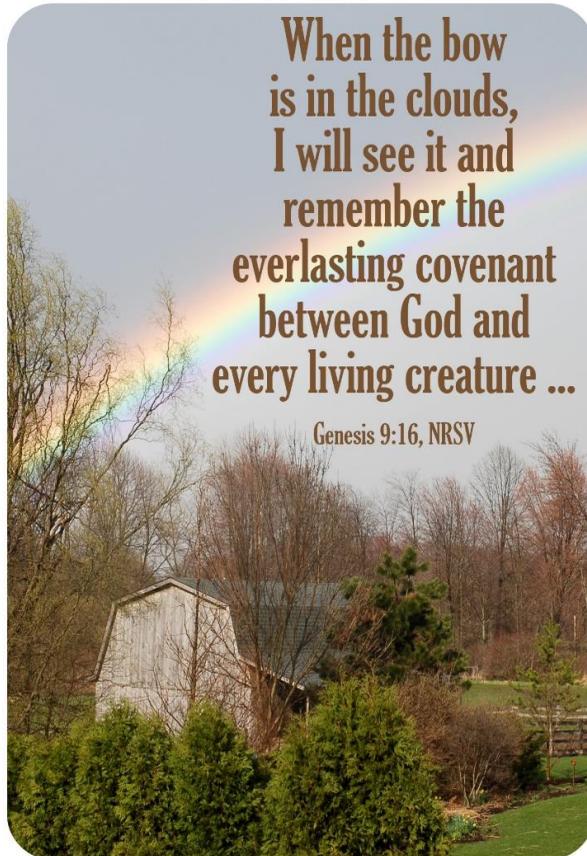


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When the bow  
is in the clouds,  
I will see it and  
remember the  
everlasting covenant  
between God and  
every living creature ...

Genesis 9:16, NRSV

**February 21, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.**

## *Today's Worship Leaders:*

Rev. Jeremy R. Wood, Senior Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director

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

## Ringing of the Bell

### Prelude

***“This Little Light of Mine”***  
Jim Annable and Darrin Reinhardt

### Call to Worship

Come all who are lost and in pain. God calls to you.

**Lord, lift us from our fears and sorrows; bring us close to you.**

Come all who have lost hope, who feel that there is nothing worth living for.

**Lord, clear away our blindness that we may see the light of your love.**

Come, do not despair. God is calling your name.

**We want to be ready for this Lenten journey. Help us, Lord. Make us ready to trust you.**

### Invocation

#### Opening Hymn

***“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”***

**(insert)**

#### Confession

**Forgive us, Holy One, for all the times we misappropriate, misconstrue, misrepresent, and misapply your Word. You speak of covenant. What we think of – especially during these Lenten days – is duty, obligation, expectation; rules and regulations; consequences – by which we mean punishment. What you mean what your intent has always and ever been – is relationship, connection, collaboration. Because your story is, above all else, a love story. You speak with love, in love. You draw in, make way, instruct; offer mercy, redemption, restoration, salvation. You call us “Beloved,” and ask us to regard and relate to one another the same way. Forgive us when we don’t. Amen.**

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, 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.***

#### Epistle Reading

**I Peter 3:18-22**

#### Time with the Children

#### Special Music

***“Jesus, Hold My Hand”***  
Jim Annable, Darrin Reinhardt, and Rev. Jeremy

## History Reading

**Genesis 9:8-17**

## Sermon

***“The Rainbow, the Water, and the Covenant”***

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Apostles’ Creed

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

## Invitation & Offertory

***“How Great Thou Art”***

**Jim Annable and Darrin Reinhardt**

## Closing Hymn

***“God Lead Us Along”***

**(insert)**

## The Lord’s Prayer

## Our Life Together

## Dedication of 2021 Church Council

## Benediction

## Postlude

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Call to Worship: Nancy C. Townley

Invocation: *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*, Port Angeles, WA; February 21, 2021.

Confession: Rev. Kathy Swaar, based on Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; Mark 1:9-15.

Assurance of Pardon: Cf. Exodus 34:6-7; Romans 8:1

Benediction: Aaronic Blessing – Numbers 6:24-26, KJV.

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**At Salem UCC our worship services are broadcast via Livestream. If you have concerns regarding your image or your family’s image being broadcast, please consider sitting in the balcony or the rear of the nave.**

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## **TODAY’S MINISTRY**

**Liturgist: Cooper Eyman**

**Greeters: Emily Uhe, David & Sherry Scheldt**

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## ~ SALEM'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday	February 21	8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (605-472-5600; access code 850723)
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School In-Person and via Zoom
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		6:00 p.m.	Exhale
Monday	February 22	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study via Livestream
		6:30 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
Tuesday	February 23	10:30 a.m.	Messenger Assembly
Wednesday	February 24	6:00 p.m.	High School Hangout
		6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
		6:15 p.m.	Ringers Practice
		7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
		7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday	February 25	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting
Saturday	February 27	6:00 p.m.	Virtual Trivia Night
Sunday	February 28	8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School (605-472-5600; access code 850723)
		9:00 a.m.	Sunday School In-Person and via Zoom
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		6:00 p.m.	Exhale

### **EXHALE'S VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT**

Exhale will be hosting a virtual Trivia Night on Saturday, February 27 at 6:00 p.m. via Livestream. All are welcome to participate! All you need is a device to watch Livestream and a device to answer the questions. (Computer, tablet, or phone all work great!) Not sure what to do? Join us at 5:45 p.m. for a quick tutorial and practice round. Great for a family night at home hosted by Exhale! So, grab your favorite pizza and cozy up on the couch! Call/text Becca if you would like to reserve a spot.

### **MISSION OPPORTUNITY**

Salem Mission Committee will be collecting items to assemble gift bags for residents at Hitz Home and Alhambra Rehab. Items to be collected are listed below. Please find the collection bin in the hallway. We will assemble the gift bags on Sunday, March 21. Contact the Mission Committee if you have any questions. Items being collected: Crossword puzzle or sudoku books, unscented lotion or Chapstick, travel size tissues, adult coloring books, daily devotional books, fuzzy socks, etc. Donations can also be placed in the plastic bin by the outside office entrance door.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE**

Salem UCC has returned to in-person Sunday School. We will continue to provide a Zoom Link so those that are not comfortable coming in-person may still join us on Zoom. Everyone will need to wear masks the entire time, and we will practice social distancing. If you have any questions, please contact (call or text) Patty Uhe at 618-792-3829 or Emily Uhe at 618-972-5686. We look forward to seeing the children in-person and those attending via Zoom.

# The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary;  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;  
The one holy universal Christian Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*I have glorified Thee; . . . I have finished the work which thou gavest me.*

— John 17:4

ALL THE WAY

Robert Lowry

Fanny J. Crosby

1 All the way my Sav-ior leads me— What have I to ask be - side?  
 2 *All the way my Sav-ior leads me— Cheers each wind - ing path I tread,*  
 3 All the way my Sav-ior leads me— O the full - ness of His love!

1 Can I doubt His ten - der mer - cy, Who through life has been my guide?  
 2 *Gives me grace for ev - ery tri - al, Feeds me with the liv - ing bread,*  
 3 Per - fect rest to me is prom - ised In my Fa - ther's house a - bove.

1 Heaven-ly peace, di - vin - est com - fort, Here by faith in Him to dwell!  
 2 *Though my wea - ry steps may fal - ter And my soul a - thirst may be,*  
 3 When my spir - it, clothed im - mor - tal, Wings its flight to realms of day,

1 For I know, what - e'er be - fall me, Je - sus do - eth all things well;  
 2 *Gush - ing from the Rock be - fore me, Lo! a spring of joy I see;*  
 3 This my song through end - less a - ges: Je - sus led me all the way;

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# God Leads Us Along

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... And the sheep hear His voice;  
and He calls His own sheep by name, and He leadeth them out. — John 10:3

GOD LEADS US  
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1 In shad - y, green pas-tures, so rich and so sweet, God leads His dear  
2 *Some - times on the mount where the sun shines so bright, God leads His dear*  
3 Though sor-rows be - fall us and e - vils op - pose, God leads His dear

1 chil-dren a - long; Where the wa - ter's cool flow bathes the wea-ry one's feet,  
2 *chil-dren a - long; Some - times in the val - ley, in dark-est of night,*  
3 chil-dren a - long; Thru grace we can con-quer, de - feat all our foes,

God leads His dear children a - long. Some thru the wa-ters, some thru the

flood, Some thru the fire, but all thru the blood; Some thru great sor-row, but

God gives a song. In the night sea-son and all the day long.

GUIDANCE