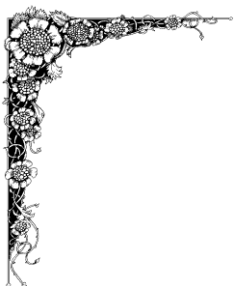


SALEM

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Today's bulletin is dedicated to
Uncle Skip
By Wanda.





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MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH. WORSHIP
THE LORD WITH GLADNESS; COME INTO GOD'S PRESENCE WITH
SINGING. PSALM 100:1-2

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017

9:30 AM

Welcome to Salem Church! Child care is provided in the Church nursery, located on the Second floor. **Large print** versions of this folder and **hearing assisting** devices are available from our ushers.

(↑) denotes **please stand** if you are able. Thank you!

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN CHRIST

ORGAN MEDITATION

OPENING RESPONSES

One: In the beginning, before time, before people, before borders or boundaries or walls, before the world began,

All: **God was.**

One: Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of the earth for the purposes of heaven,

All: **God is.**

One: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfillment,

All: **God will be.**

One: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Guiding Spirit,

All: **God was, God is, God will be. Let us worship God!**

THANKSGIVING

One: O God who brought us from the rest of last night to the light of this new day, bring us in the new light of this day to the guiding light of the eternal. Lead us, O God, on the journey of justice. Guide us, O God, on the pathways of peace. Renew us, O God, by the wellsprings of grace today, tonight, and forever.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.’

³³He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.’

⁴⁴‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ ⁵²And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

SUMMER SEMINARY SERIES

SERMON

“The Kingdom of God”

The Rev. Jeremy Lopez

SACRED MUSIC

“Who am I”

Mark Hall

Alexxis Butera, soloist

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Lorelai Liberty Shell

Introduction

Presentation

Profession of Faith

Pastor: Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and in the world?

Parents: I renounce them.

Pastor: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Parents: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Pastor: Do you promise to instruct this child in the truth of God's Word, in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for her, to teach her to pray; and to train her in Christ's way by your example, through worship, and in the nurture of the church?

Parents: We will, with God's help.

Elder: Do you promise to love, encourage, and support this child by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

All: We will.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: I believe 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: 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.

Baptismal Prayer

Act of Baptism

Blessing and Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Reception

Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ. Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus. Alleluia.

BAPTISMAL HYMN #306 “Child of blessing, child of promise” *Stuttgart*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

↑ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, receive the fruits of our labor and the dedication of our lives. Make them an acceptable sacrifice in union with Jesus Christ. Amen.

↑ HYMN #368

“Blest be the Tie that Binds”

Dennis

↑ BENEDICTION

↑ POSTLUDE

SERVING WITH YOU:

PASTOR	The Rev. Jeremy Lopez
PASTOR EMERITA	The Rev. Alice C. McDermott
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ELDER	Diane Meholick
DEACONS	Jim Walters
USHERS	Richard Pickelhaupt, Charles Gilinger, Jacob Brush

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 20

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

9:30 AM	Summer Worship, Church School, Child Care
10:30 AM	Coffee Fellowship
7:00 PM	Contemporary Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

10:00 AM Dorcas Quilters

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

****September Newsletter Assembled and Mailed****

COMING EVENTS...PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 27-31	Vacation Bible School, 5:30 PM
August 29	Lunch Bunch at Beijing Buffet (Division Street, NT)
September 1	Adult Bible Study, 7:00 PM
September 2	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM
September 3	Final Summer Worship, 9:30 AM, Holy Communion served
September 5	Basket Weavers, 6:30 PM
September 7	Willing Hands, 8:30 AM
September 7	Meet the Pre School Teachers, 10 AM
September 9	Community Café Menu: Fried chicken, vegetable, salad
September 10	RALLY DAY – Holy Communion served
September 11	Pre School begins
September 12	Church Council Meeting, 7:30 PM preceded by Elders, Trustees...
September 14	October Newsletter Information Deadline
September 15	Adult Bible Study, 7:00 PM