

# **SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**1500 North Main**

**Higginsville, Missouri**

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**We are a gathering church sent out  
by God to bring the good news of  
God's grace, justice, peace, and  
love to the world**

August 7, 2022

10:00 a.m.

**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
152<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY**

**THE GATHERING**

**MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP**

**WELCOME:** No matter who you are or where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here. In the name of Jesus – teacher, friend, healer, Lord, Messiah, Savior – I welcome you to worship.

**NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**ADDRESSING OURSELVES TO GOD**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**Organ Prelude** “O Worship the King” with “Allegro Maestoso”  
Grant/ Handel arr. Leatherman

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The mighty One summons us from sunrise to sunset.

**People: Out of perfect beauty, God shines forth.**

Leader: God calls to heaven and earth, “Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me.”

**People: The heavens declare the righteousness of God, the judge of people and nations.**

Leader: Let us not forget God, but with thanksgiving as our sacrifice, let us be a people of justice.

**People: We worship the God of our salvation.**

**\* HYMN** “Sing, All Creation”

(Copies of this hymn are in the Hymnal/Bible Racks in the pews)

**\*INVOCATION (Unison)**

Gracious God, thank you for seeking us out, for gathering us before you, for not keeping silent in the face of our need. Thank you for calling us into account, and for challenging us with strong words to be a people of covenant and justice. Thank you for assuring us that we need not be afraid, for it is your good pleasure to give us your kingdom. In courage and hope, we come before you this hour, to hear your Word and prepare our hearts for the unexpected hour of your coming. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

No. 623

**HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE  
WORD**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Vocal Duet with Guitar

Aaron and Vicki Knipmeyer

“How Great Is Our God” Chris Tomlin/ Ed Cash/ Jesse Reeves

**MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES**

June

**HYMN** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

No. 292

*(Please write your joys and concerns on the card and hand it to the usher during the hymn)*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS** Preparation for prayer

**PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(“debts” and “debtors” words in hymn No. 426)

**MORNING OFFERING**

\*Doxology

No. 625

\*Dedication Prayer

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed

*(Printed inside back cover of Hymnal)*

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 12.32-40 (N.T. p. 70)

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**O God, your call for justice is so clear that we are amazed at how easily we fail to hear you over the din of daily life. We want to cease to do evil. We want to learn to do good. Yet, we rarely do all we can to rescue, defend, and plead for those in need. As you have sought us out, so we seek your pardon. Grant us courage, we pray, as persons, as communities, and as nations, to bring about the justice you desire.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Tommy)

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. People of faith, God is not ashamed to be called your God. By God’s grace we are forgiven.

SHARING OF THE MEAL

The elements of communion are on the tables at the front of the sanctuary. We invite all who are able to come forward, take a piece of the bread and eat, then take a cup and drink. Or, you may take one of the individually-wrapped communion packs and eat the wafer and drink the juice. Please place your waste in the container at the end of the table. (Those who cannot come forward, please inform an usher or an Elder.)

**THE SENDING**

**\*HYMN**      “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”      No. 276

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      “Trumpet Tune”      Purcell

**Offering plates are at the exits from the sanctuary.**

The Worship Service is over and our Service begins.

*\*Indicates please stand if you are able to do so*

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Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Dr. Tommy L. Faris – Pastor

Crystal Faris – Liturgist

June Howell – Christian Education Coordinator

Jamie Smith – Music Director

**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Margaret L. Soendker, fell Thursday, August 4, she is hospitalized at Western Missouri Medical Center with a fractured hip.

Tina Bergsieker, prayers as her health continues to improve.

Kathy Bird, has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Please keep Kathy and her family in prayer.

Clayton Lettau, continued prayers for good test results.

Prayers, for anyone with a health issue, anyone grieving, and anyone that has a heavy burden on their heart, mind, and soul.

Prayers, for our world and nation.

**Best Wishes for Birthdays this week...**

Paxten Salyer, August 7

Anthony Thaller, August 7

Roger Erdman, August 8

Bessie Begemann, August 8

Shawn Davenport, August 8

Alivia Thirkield, August 9

George Lefman, August 9

Danny Lefman, August 9

Charlie Camp, August 9

Tracy Fiene, August 10

Emily Moore, August 10

Mark Dryer, August 11

Derek Augustine, August 12

Frank Riekhof, August 12

Susan Augustine, August 12

Kai Rechterman, August 13

Dixie Thaller, August 13

John Koenig, August 13

Teresa Alberswerth, August 13

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **SCHOOL STAFF & STUDENT APPRECIATION SUNDAY**

As the new school year is getting closer and closer we would like to take the time to appreciate and pray for all school staff members and students as they begin their new 2022-2023 school year. They will be recognized on Sunday, August 21, during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

### **SERVICE EVENT FOR YOUTH ON MISSION:**

Helping families at Ronald McDonald House. Listed below are the items Youth On Mission would like to collect to help the families that stay at the Ronald McDonald Houses in Kansas City.

There is a box in the back of the Sanctuary to collect items you brought to church today. You can also drop it off at the church office Monday through Friday 8AM to 4:00PM. Last day of collection will be Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

You are welcome to give a monetary donation, which will be used to purchase items on the list. Please make your check to "Youth on Mission" and give your monetary donations to June Howell.

- Travel-sized Shampoos, Conditioners, Lotions & Body Wash
  - Ground Coffee and K-Cups
  - To-GO Coffee Cups with Lids
  - Umbrellas
  - Diapers – Size 3, 4 & 5
  - Individually Packaged Sweet & Salty Snacks
  - Clorox Wipes
  - Plastic silverware (Forks, Spoons, and Knives)
- (All items must be new; Ronald McDonald will not take used items)

**LAMPLIGHTER:** Articles for the September Lamplighter are due in the church office by Monday, August 22. Thank you.

**SAVE THE DATE-CROP WALK 2022:** This year the Crop Walk will be held Sunday, October 2, 3:00 p.m. at Confederate Memorial State Historic Site-Higginsville.

### **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

Please join us for Summer Sunday School from 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. There is an Adult Sunday School class and all children will meet as a combined Sunday School class. There won't be Sunday School during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Memorial Committee is asking for volunteers to water the flower pots at the front doors of the church. If you are interested please call Mary Homfeld, 660-584-3060.

### **BEST CHOICE LABELS:**

Please drop your Best Choice labels by the church office. We are collecting them for Festival of Sharing.

### **FESTIVAL OF SHARING 2022:**

This year the Board of Elders have chosen two projects members of Salem can contribute to for Festival of Sharing, they are “Missouri Paper Product Pack” and the “Missouri Family Food Boxes.” Please consider donating any of the many items involved with these packets, or a monetary donation is also accepted (an envelope will be enclosed in the September Lamplighter.). An article with all the items listed is in the August Lamplighter. A container will be in the back of the Sanctuary during the month of August & September to collect your items.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

#### **TA TRUCK STOP-CONCORDIA COUNTRY PRIDE:**

Travel Centers of America-Concordia, MO-Country Pride Restaurant has a Church Program! We are offering 10% of your ticket price to be donated back to your local church. All you have to do is come in to dine with us, eat, and inform your server that you would like to participate in the program, give your church's name, your name, and we will take care of the rest!

**JKV AND MEYER CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY:**

John Knox Village and Meyer Care Center have a weekly Bible Study that is led, on a rotational schedule, by the Ministerial Fellowship. The Bible Study is held every Wednesday, 10:15-10:45 a.m. in the Gathering Room.

**INVITATION/OPEN HOUSE EBENEZER UCC:**

In recognition of your much appreciated donations to Ebenezer UCC's Flood Recovery Fund. Join us Sunday, September 11, 2022, for worship at 10:30 a.m. (if possible) with Lunch and tours from noon-2:00 p.m. Ebenezer UCC, 206 West Old Lexington Road, Levasy, Missouri.

**PRAYERS AND CONCERNS:**

Anyone who is in need of prayers, please call the church office, (660) 584-3603.

**UP COMING DATES:**

September 2 – Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

September 11 – Sunday School Rally Day

Patriot Day



**OUR FRIENDS AND CHURCH FAMILY**  
**IN CARE FACILITIES**

Listed below are our members and friends (at the time of printing of the bulletin) now residing or recovering at our local and surrounding community nursing homes and care facilities. A card from a church family member would be a delightful surprise!

**Meyer Care Center, 1201 W. 19th St., Higginsville, MO 64037**

Hayes and Grace Niemeier

Anna Marie Rinne

Nancy Rinne

Gene and Rosa Lee Starke

Mary Ann Vorwark

**Barb Siegfried:**

**C/O Anthony Cowan**

703 W. 35<sup>th</sup> St., Higginsville, MO 64037

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS AT SALEM

August 7, thru August 14, 2022

- Sunday - Salem Church 152<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Sunday  
8:00 a.m. Early Worship (communion)  
8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship (communion)  
and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook  
3:00 p.m. Youth on Mission Meeting
- Monday - 7:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting
- Tuesday - Food Pantry
- Wednesday - 10:30 a.m. Lafayette Area Pastors Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous  
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon
- Thursday - 6:00 p.m. Board of Elders Meeting
- Friday - 7:00 p.m. A. A.
- Saturday - 9:30 a.m. A. A.
- Sunday- 8:00 a.m. Early Worship  
8:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
and Live-Stream Worship on Facebook  
(Amor Family Reunion in case of rain)



## UCC Mission Moment - Living into the Promise

Rev. Ann Kansfield, UCC pastor, FDNY chaplain and author of *Be the Brave One: Living Your Spiritual Values Out Loud and Other Life Lessons* shares the courage that led her to write a book about her experiences.

“My wife Jennifer and I serve part-time as co-pastors of the Greenpoint Reformed Church, (a joint UCC and Reformed congregation in Brooklyn, NY). We do our best to love God and neighbor, even though we aren’t always sure how to do that. My other ministry setting is as a chaplain for the fire department of the City of New York. I am one of seven chaplains who serve the department as a whole. I never know what might happen on any given day, but I pray that God can use me in a way to be of service to others. Also, the uniforms are pretty great.”

Although friends encouraged her to share her stories and reflections, Kansfield shied away from the idea of writing a book. “One of the things that really changed the trajectory of the book was connecting with Marty St. George, my co-author...He is really the one who helped take a bunch of stories and thoughts and turn them into a book. I think it’s actually a really great story in itself because it shows that sometimes we can do big things when we have friends and fellow travelers who walk alongside us and help us. Sometimes we minister to others and other times they minister to us. Life is really best lived when it’s done in mutual ministry with others around us.

For me, bravery is doing things which make us uncomfortable, things which we would rather not do or avoid. And being brave is what allows us to be authentic and vulnerable and have important conversations which we would otherwise want to avoid. Bravery is not just about apologizing for our mistakes but asking ‘how did my mistake impact you?’ and then being quiet and listening.

We can all use some extra bravery these days. It’s not always easy to be our most authentic selves. It’s certainly difficult to be vulnerable and to share our deepest hopes and fears and listen to the hopes and fears of others. That stuff can be terrifying! But that’s the space where God often leads us - to authenticity, vulnerability and bravery.”