

Salem United Methodist Church

April 18, 2021

PRELUDE

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” Handbell Choir

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from John 14:17)

We come to offer our worship in the spirit of Jesus who promises peace: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Lord of life, submitting to death, you conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to humanity all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these fifty days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

OPENING MUSIC

Alyson Moore, Music Director

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River” & “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (in unison): **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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20: 19-29 (CEB)

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

Handbell Choir

MESSAGE

“The Gifts of Easter: Peace”

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (in unison): **Almighty God, we thank you that you have raised Jesus Christ from the dead. With his**

resurrection we open ourselves to the gifts of your blessings. We are grateful for the power of forgiveness for us both to receive and to offer to others. We accept your promise of new life and the peace you give us to live with resurrection faith. Wake us to new opportunities to love and serve you and to witness to the presence of Jesus Christ with us always. Use us, and our gifts, to your glory. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, we offer our gifts and this prayer. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Perfect Peace”

Aylson Moore

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION SONG

TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Our Opening Prayer is adapted from the United Methodist Book of Worship and used with permission during this time by the United Methodist Publishing House.

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Bob Kimball, Online Host

Carla Frisch, Liturgist

Natalie and Adrienne Kully, Tech Team Producers

Handbell Choir, directed by Karen Fisher

Alyson Moore, Director of Music

Rev. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor

This Week (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 4/19 - 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study on Zoom

Tuesday, 4/20 – 1:00 p.m.

Trivia Time on Zoom

Tuesday, 4/20 – 7:00 p.m.

Finance Committee on Zoom

Tuesday, 4/20 – 7:30 p.m.

Church Council on Zoom

Wednesday, 4/21 – 7:00 p.m. Vespers (outdoors, weather permitting)

Please contact Pastor Stacey with your prayer requests:

pastor@salemunited.org or 410-627-1944 (call/text). If you would like a joy/concern included in the prayer during worship, please contact her before Sunday. Thank you very much.