

Salem United Methodist Church

The Festival of The Christian Home May 9, 2021

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (reference to Ephesians 3:15)

We gather in the presence of God, through whom all families in heaven and on earth receive their name. We join together in praising God who is the source of love and new life in Jesus Christ.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

OPENING MUSIC *“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”*

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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC *“Give You Faith”* Alyson Moore

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24: 36-53 (NRSV)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE *“The Gifts of Easter: Community”*

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 receive your gifts. We accept your promise of new life and the invitation to join in a community of love and grace in Jesus Christ. 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 our Risen Savior, we offer our gifts and this prayer. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
“Bind us Together”*

BENEDICTION

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“Irish Blessing”

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

Scott Shelton, Liturgist

Mark Carter, Tech Team Producer

Dr. Alyson Moore, Director of Music

Rev. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor

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

Monday, 5/10- 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study on Zoom

Tuesday, 5/11- 1:00 p.m.

Trivia Time on Zoom

Wednesday, 5/12 – 7:00 p.m. Vespers (outdoors, weather permitting)

Next Sunday, May 16

We will have the drive-through kick-off for Salem Spirit Week from noon until 1:00 p.m. at the church. Come and get your take home fun pack so we can celebrate all through the week leading up to Pentecost on May 23.

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 at 10:00 am, please contact her before Sunday. Thank you very much.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Blest be the tie that binds

Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne,
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts, and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear

Bind us together, Lord

Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together
Bind us together in Love

There is only one God,
There is only one King
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing.

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind always be at your back
May the sun shine warm on your face
The rain fall soft on your fields.
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
(text: Traditional Irish Blessing)