

Salem United Methodist Church

October 17, 2021

ORGAN PRELUDE Matthew Bunn

WELCOME Bob Kimball

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Handbell Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 30)

"O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me. Sing praises to the Lord, O his faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name." We come to worship with thanksgiving and gratitude. May God's name be praised!

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness. We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need. We thank you for your blessing on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed, and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth. And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God, for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord; to whom, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #139 verses 1,3,4,5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Choir

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSV)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE "Getting Unstuck – Practice Gratitude"

*DOXOLOGY

#95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (in unison): **Almighty God, you are the Giver of every good gift. All that we have is a gift from you and we are grateful for your goodness and generosity poured out on us. As an expression of our gratitude and thankfulness, we now make this offering of our gifts and ourselves. Bless our offering for your work in the world. We pray in the name of our precious Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" #133

*BENEDICTION

*SUNG RESPONSE "Shalom to You"
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*POSTLUDE

TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

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

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Bob Kimball, Online Host

Karen Fisher, Liturgist

Adrienne Kully, Tech Team Producer

Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

Handbell Choir directed by Karen Fisher

Matthew Bunn, Director of Music

Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor

This Week

Tuesday, 10/19 – 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 10/20– 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, 10/20 – 6:30 p.m. Outdoor Vespers (weather permitting)

Thursday, 10/21 – 10:00 am. Bible Study

Thursday, 10/21 – 7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal in sanctuary

Next Sunday – 10/24

Pastor Stacey will meet with youth (grade 6 and older) who wish to explore Confirmation. Parents are asked to attend with their youth. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary; the meeting is available through Zoom (use the worship link).

Please contact Pastor Stacey directly with your prayer requests: pastor@salemunited.org or 410-627-1944 (call/text).