



Salem Lutheran Church

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A Reconciling in Christ Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*for those with
hearing
challenges*

*3rd Sunday after
the Epiphany
of Our Lord*



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Welcome

Today we hear the story of the wedding at Cana in Galilee – perhaps the most famous wedding of all time for Christians. The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God’s power as it was made known to the magi, to those on Jordan’s banks at Jesus’ baptism, and to people at a wedding feast as Jesus performed his first miracle – turning water into wine! In all of those stories, God’s power is revealed to us as well. And not only is God’s power revealed, but also God’s love. When a couple is deeply in love they seek to become one in marriage. That’s the same kind of love that God has for you – and the same kind of love that God deeply desires from you.

Due to the steep rise in Covid rates and the increased pressure on our medical system, Salem is joining other responsible faith communities in requiring masks while inside the building. As Christians it is our duty to provide a place where even the most vulnerable in our midst feel safe.

You are invited to join our next Southern CT Conference Zoom Meeting at 4:00 pm TODAY for pastors and lay leaders to discuss the synod program, “Collaborate, for Christ’s Sake”. If you see the merging of congregations as a possibility for the future, the first step is to build relationships through collaboration, so come and join the conversation! The link is on the calendar on our website at SalemBridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

Flowers today are given by Sandra Brown in memory of Douglas Dewalt.

Wednesday at 12:00 noon we meet on zoom for prayer. You can pray out loud if you want, or you can simply ask others to pray for you or for the concerns on your mind or heart. The link is also on the calendar on our website at Salembridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

Our Wednesday evening Bible Study resumed this past week as we began our study of the book of Acts and the early Church. It was written for a time like our own in that the Church was not supported by the general culture of the day, and yet it managed to grow in both numbers and in power. It could very well be that the secret to the future of the Church lies in this ancient story! **Please join us Wednesdays at 6:30 on zoom for a fascinating discussion, followed by a brief service of Holy Communion at 7:15.** The link is on the calendar on our website at SalemBridgerpot.org under the Resources Tab.

The next Sunday Night Alive Inter-Church Event will be held NEXT Sunday, January 30th, at 4:00 pm in-person in our Salem Lounge. We’ll watch the movie, “Pilgrims Progress”, and then discuss it. This adaptation of John Bunyan’s powerful and life-changing classic story is a film you won’t want to miss. Written over 340 years ago when Bunyan was in prison, the story has been smuggled to the underground church during communism, banned for a time in China, and has sold more copies than any other book other than the Bible. The story is about a man who discovers a book which prompts him to escape from his own city of destruction, and to journey towards a celestial city ruled by a good and noble King, meeting friends and foes along the way. Please join us as we learn and laugh and love, building relationships grounded in the joy of the Lord!

Gathering

GATHERING SONG Oh, Let the Son of God Enfold You / Spirit Song

(as found in the ELCA worship books *Worship & Praise* # 130 and *This Far by Faith* # 105)

As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.

You may stand if you so desire.

Verse 1

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,
let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.**

**Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

Chorus

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Verse 2

**Oh, come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy,
lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.**

**Oh, give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain,
and you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.**

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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Text: based on Isaiah 40.11, Luke 10.3, John 7.38, Acts 2, Ephesians 3.17 by John Wimber (1934-1997);

Meter 9 7 11 D and refrain

Music: SPIRIT SONG by John Wimber (1934-1997)

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Performance # 1 by St. Mark's Lutheran Church Mississauga, 01/18/21

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvwdiPWNqPY> [2:43]

Performance # 2 by St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Lexington, SC, 10/29/20

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vWMkVuVosQs> [2:28]

The song encourages us to have a close, trusting relationship with Jesus;

if we "let him have the things" that have taken hold of us, his Spirit will descend on us and make us whole.

Performed by Bailey Slice Parker, Jason Antley, and Jack Bernard

We give many many thanks to Jack Bernard, a high school member of our congregation,
for accompanying us on piano.

He has talent and professionalism beyond his 15 years, and we are so proud of him!

Performance # 3 by Enoch Samraj, 06/23/20

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkZb1KBe2bk> [2:41]

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of God who rejoices in us like a bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
in the name of Jesus who turns our water into wine,
and in the name of the Holy Spirit who offers us gifts that can transform the world!

It is so good to be here!

Thank you for joining us today! Thank you, those of you who are here in person with us!
And thank you, those of you out there in cyber space, wherever – and whenever! – you are!

For those of you who don't know me,

I'm Pastor Marjo Anderson of Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT,

To find out more about our ministry or to contact us,
you can go to our website SalemBridgeport.org, to our Facebook page, SalemBridgeport,
and to our YouTube channel, Salem Lutheran Church, Bridgeport CT.

Links to our donate page and worship bulletin –
which has both the order of worship and announcements – as well as other resources
are included on our website at SalemBridgeport.org/Live.

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today at 4:00 as we continue our discussion on zoom, “Collaborate, for Christ's Sake!”

Please join us for our Weekly Wednesday events on zoom –

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And next Sunday at 4:00, please come to an in-person fellowship event here at Salem –
as we watch the movie “The Pilgrim's Progress”.

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at SalemBridgerpot.org under the Resources Tab.

Any other announcements?

Then, as we begin our worship, will you pray with me?

Gracious God,

We thank you that when we are hurt or afraid

we can take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

We praise you that no matter our circumstances or struggles

in Jesus we can find the way to a life that is rich and full beyond measure.

We bless you that no matter how overwhelming life can be,

through the Holy Spirit we can find the wisdom and power to meet every challenge.

Open our minds and hearts and bodies and souls this day.

Transform our lives by your love, that we might in turn transform the world.

We pray these things in the Name of Jesus and by the Power of the Spirit. Amen

OPENING HYMN The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 531)*

As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.

You may stand if you so desire.

**The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.**

**Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin. The feast is ready to begin.**

**Tables are laden with good things;
oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine;
he'll turn your water into wine.**

**Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin. The feast is ready to begin.**

**The hungry heart he satisfies,
offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud
the amazing goodness of the Lord.**

**Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin. The feast is ready to begin.**

*Text: Psalm 34:8, Isaiah 25:6-10, John 2:1-11, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17,
 by Graham Kendrick, b. 1950; Meter LM and refrain*

Music: THE FEAST IS READY , by Graham Kendrick

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Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE PROPHETS: Isaiah 62.1-5

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of YHWH will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of YHWH ,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for YHWH delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

A READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 36.5-10

⁵Your love, YHWH, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep....

⁷How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

A READING FROM THE LETTERS OF PAUL: 1 Corinthians 12.1-11

¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

You may stand if you wish.

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: John 2:1-11

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine”. ⁴ And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come”. ⁵ His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you”. ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water”. And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward”. So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now”. ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Please be seated.

SERMON

You may stand if you so desire.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**based on Luther's catechism
and our baptismal promises**

Let us affirm our faith together.

**We believe that all that we are and all that we have
comes from God as pure undeserved gift,
and that therefore it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey God.**

**We believe that it is Jesus Christ
who taught us how to live by faith, even to suffering death on the cross,
in order that we might belong to him and live and serve in his kingdom now
and throughout eternity.**

**We believe that we cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ,
but the Holy Spirit, who draws us to seek God, is poured out upon all who ask.**

**We believe that the purpose of the Church is to evidence the gifts and fruits of the Spirit,
empowering us to worship in Spirit and in Truth,
to witness to the power and grace of God in our own lives,
to love those outside our own circles,
and to work for justice and peace in all the world. Amen**

PURPOSE STATEMENT

As members and friends of Salem Church, let us remind ourselves why we are here:

**We are a community of Christian disciples called by the Holy Spirit.
In response to God's transforming love, we share our joy through praise and service.**

May it be so!

Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 and ever. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance;
so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

So they can be heard online, these petitions will be offered by the leaders at the microphones.

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy.
Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles.
Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations,
and boundaries of race, nationality, culture, class, gender, sexual orientation, and ability.
We pray for our mission partners,
especially today for Camp Calumet Lutheran,
and for Salem members and families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:
Liz Bales.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation reflects your generosity.
Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers,
and all who tend the abundance of the land.
Move us to action to protect food and water sources from destruction,
that all can eat and drink and be satisfied.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment
to those who hold leadership positions at any level and in all areas –
government, faith communities, organizations, and businesses.
Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead
all authorities in seeking and serving the common good.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need,
provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day,
especially Barbara, Dolores, Frank, Grace, Jonathan, Steve, Sue, and all we name in our hearts.
Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, & all who seek peace.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You see us for who we are and you delight in us.
Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity,
or facing significant life transition.
Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us.
Tend to those who mourn. Bring us together in your everlasting glory.
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You are invited to offer your own prayer petition at this time, either silently or aloud.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God,
we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen

Thanksgiving

OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, you said, “Give and it will be given to you...
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

**Give us the confidence to cheerfully give
our tithes and offerings of time, talent and treasure to your work in this place,
trusting that you will provide abundantly for all our needs.
We pray this in the power of your Spirit. Amen**

OFFERING INVITATION

Please be seated.

In response to God’s grace,
it is our joy to return to God our tithes and offerings.
We are grateful for your generosity,
-which not only is an exercise of and witness to your faith,
but which funds our ministry together here at Salem.

If you are a member of another congregation,
we encourage you to give to your home congregation first,
but invite you to contribute to our ministry also
so that we can continue to take our worship online
as a witness to the power and love of the amazing God we serve.
Simply go to the menu on our website at SalemBridgeport.org and click “donate”
or scan the QR code here in our Sunday worship program
with a QR reader on your smart phone which will take you to that page.



OFFERTORY HYMN Jesus, Come! For We Invite You

(as found in the ELCA worship book Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 312)

As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.

You may stand if you so desire.

- 1 Jesus, come! for we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;
now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak and let us hear your word:
lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.**
- 2 Jesus, come! transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown;
bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone:
though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.**
- 3 Jesus, come! in new creation, heav'n brought near by pow'r divine;
give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine:
rouse the faith of your disciples — come, our first and greatest Sign!**
- 4 Jesus, come! surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive
more than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:
let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!**

Text: based on John 2:1-11 by Christopher Idle, b. 1938; Meter 8 7 8 7 8 7

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANK YOU and BLESSING

Before we end the live-streamed portion of our worship,
I want to especially thank those of you out there in cyberspace who have worshipped with us.

I hope you will join us again.

If you’d like to know more, or if you’d like to talk or pray together,
you can reach me through our website or Facebook.

As we say good-bye to our online worshippers,
let me offer all who are worshipping with us this blessing from today’s reading from Isaiah:

You shall be called by a new name!
You shall be a crown of beauty!
You shall no more be forsaken or desolate,
because God says, “My delight is in you!”
God loves you beyond measure.
And when you know that, joy will be yours!

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Meal & Dismissal

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.

We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected.

We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.

We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.

Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone.

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen**

Rejoice in this good news: In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

Please be seated.

God be with you!

Open your hearts!

Let us give thanks to the God of all!

And also with you!

We open them to God and one another!

It is right to give God thanks & praise!

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest and let these gifts to us be blessed.

Blessed be God, who is our Bread; may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

*During communion, you may take your communion elements during worship
or hold on to your kit until you get home.*

*If you take the elements inside the church,
open the kit over the pew to prevent spilling on the carpet.*

*After the service, please dispose of your own kit
either in a waste receptacle at church or at home.*

The body & blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you & keep you in divine grace! **Amen!**

CLOSING HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 310)*

As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.

You may stand if you so desire.

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**
- 3 Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.**
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.**

*Text: based on Matthew 2:1-3, 3:13-17, 4:1-11, Mark 1:8-11, 12-13, Luke 3:15-22, 4:1-13,
John 1:14, 2:1-11, by Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885, alt; Meter 7 7 7 7 D*

*Music: SALZBURG by Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685-1750
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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Know that Jesus can turn your water into wine!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Our God

Verse 1

**Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You None like You**

Verse 2

**Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You**

Chorus

**Our God is greater Our God is stronger God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God**

Bridge

**And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against**

CCLI Song # 5677416

Chris Tomlin | Jesse Reeves | Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman

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A powerful atmosphere of pure Praise in "Spirit and in Truth."

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as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYnwYVTMEec> [5:28]

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Conversion of Paul

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul.

His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul.

Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul.

Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church;

Dorcas was known for charitable works;

and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274

Friday, January 28, 2022

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history,

Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle.

A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

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Announcements

The next Salem and Friends Breakfast & Faith Discussion, sponsored by the Salem Men but open to ALL, will be held Saturday **February 12th** at 8:00 am. Please join us...and invite a friend! Volunteers to help prepare breakfast welcome to come at 7:00 am. Thanks!

Please join Jeanette Harris and Genesis Gospel Café at the next Inner-View Chat'n'Chew, Saturday February 19th at 11:00 am. Stay tuned for more info!

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart! We have an amazing God who provides for us and our Congregation in so many ways. Just as a reminder, we are still collecting pledges for 2022. If you need a pledge card, extras are available next to the offering box at the entrance to the sanctuary. Or you can simply email your pledge to salemsec123@sbcglobal.net. Remember God is good so "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart".

Let's stay connected! Pastor Marjo and Salem's Office Manager, Karl, work primarily from their homes but generally come in once a week to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely. If we can help in any way, please know that you can call Salem's church office at 203-330-3300 and leave a message and your message will be picked up remotely and your call returned. **Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441. She would be MORE THAN HAPPY to hear from you!**

UniteCT - Emergency Rental Assistance for Connecticut's Economy - The UniteCT **Program** is administered by the Department of Housing on behalf of the US Treasury. UniteCT provides up to \$15,000 rental and electricity payment assistance on behalf of Connecticut households financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. UniteCT is stabilizing CT's rental housing market by financially supporting those households up to 80% of HUD's Area Median Income (AMI) - Select [here](#) for an interactive AMI map. Tenants and landlords use the UniteCT Rent Relief software to submit their own sections of the application creating a unique case file for decision making evaluation. UniteCT will provide continued rental and electric utility assistance to eligible households until all funding has been committed. There is no current end date of the program.

For more info, go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT> You must first register to get an email invitation to start your application. Paper applications will not be accepted. Do you qualify for UniteCT funding? If you need to share your eligibility status with a new landlord or court, check your eligibility by taking this survey at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOH/DOH/Programs/UniteCT---Survey> and print the results for your records.

**Please JOIN US 400-6:00 pm Sunday 30th January in Salem's Lounge,
for our Inter-Church Sunday Night Alive's MOVIE NIGHT
as we watch...**



**A time to build relationships with people God has brought into our lives,
to watch a powerful film, to reflect on our faith,
and be drawn closer to God and to one another.**

**In our continuing quest to fight back against the power and fear of racism,
especially in those who say they are followers of Christ,
we present these opportunities of performance and dialogue
at Fairfield University's Regina A. Quick Center:**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 – 7pm (free, registration required)

Fairfield University's Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Convocation

"The Wrong Side of the World Resolution': King's Internationalism & Lessons for Today"

by Robin D. G. Kelley, PhD, (2022 Martin Luther King, Jr. Speaker)

Thursday, February 3, 2022 – 7pm (\$30, \$15 Member)

Global Theatre: Performance Series curated by Cheryl Weisenfeld

"Shared Sentences"

by Houses on the Moon Theater Company"

A post-show discussion will follow the performance.

Saturday, February 12, 2022 – 1pm and 6pm (\$25-\$35)

The Metropolitan Opera: HD Live

"Fire Shut Up in My Bones"

by Terence Blanchard

Tuesday, March 8, 2022 – 7:30pm (\$30, \$15 Member)

Open VISIONS Forum and The Common Ground Series presented by the College of Arts & Sciences

"Race, Liberty & Justice: Diverging Perspectives with Eyes on the Prize"

by Michael Eric Dyson, PhD & John H. McWhorter, PhD

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – 7:30pm (\$30, \$15 Member)

Open VISIONS Forum and The Common Ground Series presented by the College of Arts & Sciences

The Annual Student Forum: **"Democracy: Choices and Challenges"**

by David Brooks

Thursday, April 28, 2022 8pm (\$30, \$15 Member)

Open VISIONS Forum

"Caste: Examining Race, Culture, & Consequences"

by Isabel Wilkerson

Pastor Marjo Anderson and Jeanette Harris

will host a discussion of this presentation and of the book in general

on Sunday May 1st at 4:00 on zoom at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89975646418?pwd=ZG5nSVVmR3NVTXc5dTAWbWtqTWdrZz09>

or go to SalemBridgeport.org/Resources/Calendar and click on the event for more information

Tickets and additional information is available at: <http://www.quickcenter.com>