



Salem Lutheran Church

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

*for those with
hearing challenges*

**2nd Sunday of
Easter**

**April 24, 2022
9:30 AM**



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Welcome

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is sometimes hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is sometimes hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is sometimes hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in word and sign, offering us his peace.

Flowers today are given by Anita Papp in memory of her parents, Carl & Sigrid Rosell

Salem is still recommending masks. We know that some are only comfortable coming into a place where people are masked, and we want to provide an environment where everyone feels safe. While it is true that Covid case numbers are down, much of that is due to those who can afford to self-test not reporting positive results and due to those who cannot afford to self-test finding it more difficult to find free testing sites. New England is expecting a new surge in covid cases and Holy Week and Easter services certainly have the potential of contributing to that if we do not exercise caution. While the current variants may cause only mild symptoms in most people, those who are older and who have underlying conditions remain at risk for more serious illness, including long covid. We will continue to re-evaluate based on what happens with the pandemic and what the latest advice is concerning singing protocols.

THERE WILL BE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING 9:30 WORSHIP TODAY FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON WHETHER WE STAY AT 3160 PARK AVENUE OR MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCATION. This will be an in-person meeting ONLY. Vote will be by written ballot. This is a chance for each voting member of the congregation to choose where Salem will be located for the next year.

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 this opportunities of performance and dialogue sponsored by Fairfield University's Regina A. Quick Center's Open VISIONS Forum: "Caste: Examining Race, Culture, & Consequences" by Isabel Wilkerson.

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

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

The event will NOW BE HELD ONLINE. Ticket holders will be emailed a link.

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 info

Gathering

GATHERING SONG

Jehovah Sabaoth (God Of Angels Armies)

I shall not fear the arrow by day Nor shall I fear the terror by night
The God who governs angel armies Has set encampments around me Whom shall I fear?
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Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? Oh-oh-oh
The God who governs angel armies The God who governs, oh-oh-oh
Has set encampments around me Encampments around me Whom shall I fear?
I'm not afraid All is well All is well I'm not afraid All is well All is well
I'm not afraid Oh, I'm not afraid
All is well Because I know that all is well All is well All is well, I'm not afraid
I'm not afraid For I cried to the Lord and He heard me
All is well And delivered me from all of my fear All is well All is well, singing it louder for you
I'm not afraid Yeah, though I walk Through the valley of the shadow of death
All is well I will fear no evil, for all is well All is well So I can shout about it now, all is well
I'm not afraid I'm not afraid, oh-oh-oh
All is well All is well All is well All is well
The God who governs angel armies Has set encampments around me Whom shall I fear?
Oh-oh-oh

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Performance by Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, 01/30-02/01/20

The Aeolians and Jason Max Ferdinand worship.calvin.edu

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtLcjfPC7rY> [10:35]

Performance by 'sounding light' and soloist Ariel Merivil on 10/01/21

at First-Plymouth Church Lincoln Nebraska

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ThSa-ZLEJhA> [4:50]

Performance by Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, with Calvin University's Gospel Choir,

Nate Glasper, Gospel Choir Director; Emma Gordon, Soloist;

Lisa Sung, Music Director/Piano; Luke DeVries, Keyboard;

Denny Tawas, Bass; Eron Lauchié, Drums; Sam Fynweaver, Cello; 02/05/21

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMIKVHVOFs0> [5:18]

Please note that here we go live on Facebook.

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Welcome in the name of the Almighty God, the Alpha and the Omega,
the Beginning and the End, who is and who was and who is to come,
in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior,
and in the name of the Holy Spirit whom is given to those who obey God.

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!
Thank you, friends from Ephraim Seventh Day Adventist Church who are here 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 am Pastor Marjo Anderson of Salem Lutheran Church in Bridgeport, CT in the US.

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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**Because we are Christ's body, it is important that every part come together
to carry out the will of Christ, our head.**

We invite you to join us on Wednesday on zoom for our weekly Prayer Gathering at noon,
& our Bible Study on the book of Acts at 6:30,
followed by a brief service of Holy Communion at 7:15.

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Any other announcements?

Then, I invite you to pray with me as we begin our worship.

God, we come here today to praise you, to thank you, and to bless your holy name!

We exalt You because You created us and all that exists.

We worship You because You sent Jesus to show us the way to abundant life.

We adore you because You sent your Spirit to re-connect us to you.

Open our hearts and minds and bodies and souls to all that you have to give.

Help us to hear you and see you and feel your presence.

Transform us by your grace and love that we might submit our wills to yours,
so that in humble obedience we might walk through death to new life in you.

We pray this in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Spirit. Amen

OPENING SONG

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song (Jésus, je voudrais te chanter)

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 808)*

*As long as you are masked, you may sing softly.
And please sing in whichever language you wish.*

*Jésus, je voudrais te chanter sur ma route; Jésus, je voudrais t'annoncer à mes voisins partout,
car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'amour: Jésus, je voudrais te chanter sur ma route.*

*Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route; Jésus, je voudrais que ma voix soit l'écho de ta joie,
et que chante la terre et que chante le ciel; Jésus, je voudrais te louer sur ma route.*

*Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route, Jésus, je voudrais partager les souffrances de ta croix,
car tu livres pour moi et ton corps et ton sang; Jésus, je voudrais te servir sur ma route.*

*Jésus, je voudrais tout au long de ma route, entendre tes pas résonner dans la nuit près de moi,
jusqu'à l'aube du jour où ton peuple sauvé, Jésus, chantera ton retour sur ma route.*

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

*Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community, tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931;
Meter 12 14 12 12*

*Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jesus and L'Arche Community;
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Word

Please be seated.

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: 5.27-32

When [the captain and the temple police] had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council [and the whole body of the elders of Israel]. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us”. But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom is given to those who obey God.”

Word of God! Word of Life!
Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: 150

Hallelujah!
Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the mighty firmament.

Praise God for mighty acts;
praise God for exceeding greatness.

Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lyre and harp.

Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.

Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Hallelujah!

Word of God! Word of Life!
Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN: 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from the One who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before the throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. To the One who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega". says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: John 12:1-8

You may stand if you so desire.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you". After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord". But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe".

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you". Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Word of God! Word of Life!

Thanks be to God!

SONG & SERMON

Please be seated.

Pastor Marjo

SONG**Grace**

Verse 1 My heart is so proud
My mind is so unfocused
I see the things You do through me
As great things I have done
And now You gently break me
Then lovingly You take me
And hold me as my Father
And mold me as my Maker

Chorus I ask You How many times will You pick me up
When I keep on letting You down
And each time I will fall short of Your glory
How far will forgiveness abound
And You answer My child I love you
and as long as you're seeking My face
You'll walk in the pow'r
Of My daily sufficient grace

Verse 2 At times I may grow weak
And feel a bit discouraged
Knowing that someone somewhere
Could do a better job
For who am I to serve You
I know I don't deserve You
And that's the part that burns in my heart
And keeps me hanging on (*Refrain*)

Bridge You are so patient with me Lord

Verse 3 As I walk with You I'm learning
What Your grace really means
The price that I could never pay
Was paid at Calvary
So instead of trying to repay You
I'm learning to simply obey You
By giving up my life to You
For all that You've given to me (*Refrain*)

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Accompaniment by *JB Tones & Melodies*

as found at this link: <https://youtu.be/ImPO7Umzoc> [5:01]

You may stand if you so desire.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together.

**We believe in God who created us and all that is,
who loves us and desires our love in return.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form, he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
& every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God our Creator.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who calls us into relationship with God,
who gathers us in relationship with the whole human family,
who enlightens our minds, enlarges our hearts, and enables our bodies,
and who sanctifies us by helping us to grow in faith and hope and obedience to God's will.**

**It is this Triune God – the three in one and one in three – whom we worship and adore
and to whom we offer all that we have and all that we are. Amen**

PURPOSE STATEMENT

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

**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

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

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

Holy One who acts righteously, equip your church as witnesses of your goodness to go and tell others of your abundant love, that they may believe that Jesus is our salvation and life.

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for Christ Presbyterian Church, Christ's House of Unity, Restoration, Charity and Hope, and the Ephraim French Seventh Day Adventist Church,

We pray for our Salem members & their families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:

Domenick D'Andrea, Judi Nielsen, Ian Dow, Tracey Wilkins, and Conrad Anderson-Dollhopf. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renew your people's commitment to use resources responsibly and to live well with your creation. Invite us to recognize and nurture signs of resurrection life in the natural world. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Direct those who are given human authority to lead with humility and compassion. By your Holy Spirit channel their attention toward serving those who are most in need. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold your children who cry out to you, especially Barbara, Barry, Bernedette, Bill, Christiane, Dolores, Frank, Grace, Iris, Jocelyn, Jonathan, Linda, Moses, Ray, Steve, and all we name in our hearts. Wherever people are overcome by the fear of death, breathe into them your life and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire those who lead your people in worship and praise. With joyful motion and sound, send us forth with praise that we cannot keep to ourselves. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us the words of your saints who, like Thomas, boldly confessed your Son as Lord & God. With Jesus our leader, empower us to live according to his ways. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.
Amen

Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING AT THE PASSING ON OF A CHURCH BUILDING & PROPERTY

Today we acknowledge in the presence of God the passing on of this building & property from Salem Lutheran Church to the Ephraim French Seventh Day Adventist Church.

I invite our friends from Ephraim to come forward at this time.

There is an old hymn, a prayer, that reminds us of a great truth:

*We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.*

Although we held the title to this property, in truth it has always belonged to God. We have been entrusted as stewards of this gift, & we now pass it on to you, the new stewards.

Let us pray.

Creating God, we thank you for what you did nearly 135 years ago when you gathered new immigrants to this country into the Salem Swedish Lutheran Church.

God, we thank you for those who founded this congregation!

Redeeming God, we thank you for what you did nearly 65 years ago when you set before the congregation a vision of a promised land –
a new building on much property where there was room to grow.

God we thank you for those who had the foresight to move to this location!

Sustaining God, we thank you for all the people who for generations have stewarded this property with loving hands, giving of their time and talent and treasure.

God, we thank you for all who have served you in this place!

Surprising God, we thank you that you have guided us to this place in our history, stopping a sale that would have ended up destroying this church building, and instead bringing to us Ephraim, a congregation who will continue to use this place to bring the news of your love and power to Bridgeport and beyond.

God, we thank you for allowing us to pass this property on to another congregation!

Faithful God, we thank you that you have promised to be with Salem and with Ephraim as we continue along the path of faith,

trusting that your ways are higher than our ways and your thoughts than our thoughts.

God, we thank you for your promise to be with us always!

Loving God, thank you for guiding Salem from its beginnings to this moment.

Fill us with faith, that we may face the future with hope and with love and with joy.

And may each and every member of your holy Church be a witness to your power and love.

We pray all these things in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Spirit. **Amen**

[The passing on of Salem's legacy]

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 SONG

All to Jesus I Surrender

(as found in the ELCA worship book This Far by Faith # 235)

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

**All to Jesus I surrender;
All to him I freely give.
I will ever love and trust him,
In his presence daily live.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender;
Humbly at his feet I bow;
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender;
Make me, Saviour, wholly thine;
Let me feel thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that thou art mine.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
Fill me with thy love and power,
Let thy blessing fall on me.
I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.**

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Text: Judson W. Van de Venter (1855-1939); Meter 8 7 8 7 with refrain

Music: Winfield Scott Weedon (1847-1908)

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Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THANK YOU AND BLESSING

Before we end the live-streamed portion of our worship,
I want to especially thank the members of Ephraim Seventh Day Adventist Church who have joined us today
as well as 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,
I'd like to offer this blessing based on the reading from Revelation today to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and in cyberspace:
As you bow down before the Lord of Life and offer yourself in humble obedience,
Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead and now rules over earth and heaven,
promises to free you from the power of sin and darkness
that you may have life in his name.

Here ends our Facebook live stream.

Meal & Dismissal

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

You may stand if you so desire and make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known & from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

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

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for all people, and for Christ's sake God forgives all who truly repent of their sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

COMMUNION

Please be seated.

God be with you!

And also with you!

Open your hearts!

We open them to God and one another!

Let us give thanks to the God of all!

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 and 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 SONG

The Risen Christ

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America worship book,
Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 390)*

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

- 1 The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet
from garden tomb through darkened city street,
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**
- 2 The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.**
- 3 The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand
the bread for those who fail to understand,
reveals himself, despite their ling'ring tears,
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.**
- 4 May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand
with those oppressed in this and every land,
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

Text: based on John 20:19-31 by Nigel Weaver, b. 1952; Meter 10 10 10 10

Music: WOODLANDS by Walter Greatorex, 1877–1949

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Go in peace, trust and obey, and you will find joy!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

The Church's One Foundation

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**
- 4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**
- 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

Text: based on Psalm 13.1-2, Matthew 21:42, Mark 12:10; 1 Corinthians 3:3-11; Ephesians 2:20, 4:4-6, 5:25-27, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Revelation 5:9-14, Revelation 19:7-8, by Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900; Meter 7 6 7 6 D

*Music: AURELIA by Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876
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*Performance by the Plymouth and Te Deum Choirs of First-Plymouth Church Lincoln, NE,
arr. Dan Forrest, recorded 09/08/19*

as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVSCmzHt5iY> [5:34]

Announcements

Welcome to WONDROUS WEDNESDAYS! On Wednesday we have 3 wonderful opportunities to live into our mission of Encountering God, Building Relationships, and Changing Lives. The links are all on the calendar on our website at SalemBridgeport.org under the Resources Tab.

*** First, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month through June, we begin with a Morning Bible Study 9:30-11:00 on zoom, led by Grace Dukenski.** There is time for sharing before we launch into our study of the book of Romans, and time for prayer at the end.

*** Every 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 more we talk with God and the more we listen to God, the more God is able to work through us. And the more we pray TOGETHER the more the power of prayer is multiplied.

*** And finally, every Wednesday at 6:30 pm we conclude with an Evening Bible Study 6:30-7:30 on zoom, led by Pastor Marjo and Jeanette Harris.** Join this diverse and interesting group of people for a study that is not simply informational but transformational. We continue our study of the book of Acts, concluding at 7:15 with a brief service of Holy Communion.

The next breakfast and faith discussion will be held on May 14th at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford, at 8:00 (7:00 to help cook).

Please join Jeanette Harris and Genesis Gospel Café at the next Inner-View Chat'n'Chew, Saturday May 21st at 11:00 am. Details forthcoming.

Invitation from Joe Bales - As I'm sure you'll remember the Salem Food Pantry ended in early 2020 with the onset of the Covid 10 pandemic. It was a very disappointing period for Salem and personally for me as we had created a great community outreach program. While our pantry has been silent a small contingent of Food Pantry volunteers have continued to be involved in meeting the needs of the hunger challenged. Today seven men meet weekly at the Brooklawn Deli for fellowship — followed by picking up food from the Bridgeport Food Bank with delivery to the PTBarnum Food Pantry. The group consists of Dr. Peter Mitchell, Fred Schaefer, Bert Andren, Ray Anderson, Tom Larson, Charlie Beaver and myself. **YOU** are welcome to join us and as in the past we welcome your support through monetary contributions. Your donation should be directed to Feed The People Food Pantry, c/o Roberta Marson, 240 Hanson Avenue, Bridgeport, Ct 06605. Contact Joe Bales at 203-434-6308 for additional information.

Let's stay connected! Much of Pastor Marjo's and Salem's Office Manager, Karl's work can be done from their homes, but generally Karl is here on Thursdays to take care of tasks that cannot be accomplished remotely, and Pastor Marjo is happy to meet with you in-person here should you so desire. 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!**

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Mark, Evangelist Monday, April 25, 2022

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.

Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380 Friday, April 29, 2022

This theologian was the first woman among Roman Catholics to receive the title "Doctor [teacher] of the Church". Catherine was a Dominican sister known for her mystical visions as well as her work on behalf of people who were poor and imprisoned.

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