



# Salem Lutheran Church

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

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after the  
Epiphany  
of  
Our Lord*

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# Welcome

**We want you to feel safe** so please know that we have 3 units of the best air cleaner on the market in the sanctuary. **And we also have one running here in the lounge where we are worshipping today and next Sunday.** Also, you are most welcome to wear a mask at worship if you'd like.

**In our psalm for today, light shines in the darkness** for the upright.

**Our first lesson, too, is about light**, taking place shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon. As the people are troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts, God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn.

**In our third reading, Paul writes to the Corinthians** who are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom and continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

**And in the last reading, in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the Light of the World**, urges his followers to be the salt of the earth & to let the light of their love shine before others,

**Salem's Semi-Annual Meeting** will be held in person today following worship and a brief coffee hour.

**God wants to spend time with us. God has some things to say to us. And God wants to hear from us.** One of the primary ways God listens to Salem is through our praying together. And one of the primary ways God speaks to us is through Bible Study. If we expect to know God's will for us, we must come together to listen to what God has to say. So, please! Join us for Prayer this week and also for Bible Study, as we reflect watch the second part of a modern day story of Acts, "The Insanity of God".

**To join us for prayer on zoom Wednesday at 12:00 click here:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82882777326?pwd=VCtObFRPOGI3cTR3eII2ZmtiZEpadz09>

**And to join us for Bible Study 6:30-7:25, click here:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119212353?pwd=WFdhU3ZaL1BUb2syZmdzREdTZVpsdz09>

If you cannot access zoom just let Pastor Marjo know and you can join via speakerphone. And for anyone not able to join us on Sundays, Holy Communion will be offered at 7:25.

**Also on Wednesday, at 8:30 pm, African Descent Ministries of the ELCA invites you to celebrate Black History month with the ELCA's Talks at the Desk Season 2**, a 4-part video series that will explore diverse expressions of the church. A new video will premiere each Wednesday in February at 7:30 Central/8:30 Eastern time. Watch them live on Facebook, stream them on YouTube, or download them at <https://ELCA.org/ADM> . For more info, go to: <https://ELCA.org/TalksAtTheDesk>.

**Please join our Lutheran & Friends Breakfast Saturday at 9:00** at Grace Lutheran Church, 150 Chapel Street, Stratford, CT. If you can help cook, come at 8:00. Bruce's goal is to see how many blueberries 1 pancake can hold. You won't want to miss it!

# Gathering

## GATHERING SONG

## Here I Am To Worship

*Verse 1* Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes let me see  
Beauty that made  
This heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

*Chorus* So here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
And You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me

*Verse 2* King of all days  
Oh so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came  
To the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

*Bridge* And I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross  
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To see my sin upon that cross

*CCLI Song # 3266032*

*Tim Hughes*

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*Performance # 1 by Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Choir, Penticton, BC, 05/30/16  
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9PrZK4VaYs0> [3:58]*

*Performance # 2 by Russian Youth Choir, Slavic Christian Center, Tacoma, 07/03/10  
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARPuKVSeqR0> [4:40]*

*Performance # 3 by Church of Christ 24, 08/02/11*

*Artist: Watershed Worship; Album: I Know You Love Me*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBmi171Vuz4> [3:50]*

***Please note that here we go live on Facebook.***

## WELCOME

Welcome in the name of the God who spoke Light into the darkness,  
in the name of Jesus, the Light of the World,  
and in the name of the Spirit who desires to shine in our hearts that all the world may see!

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 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  
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**Any other announcements? prayer requests? God-sightings?**

**Then will you pray with me?**

God of Light,

you call us into the light of your presence.

We are here today to worship you and praise you, to adore you and bless your holy name!

Shine your light upon us this morning that we might be healed.

Shine your light before us this week that we might see you in and around us.

Shine your light into us always that we might shine and so draw others to you.

May our worship be more than rote words; may it be the expression of the greatest love we know.

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

**OPENING HYMN      Jesus, Come! For We Invite You**

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

***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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*Performance by Robert Morehead, 01/13/21*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkKuXJfO2ZM> [4:09]*

# Word

*Please be seated.*

**A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 58:1-4a, 6-7a, 8-12**

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back!

**Lift up your voice like a trumpet!**

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
**to the house of Jacob their sins.**

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me  
**and delight to know my ways,**

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
**and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;**

they ask of me righteous judgments,  
**they delight to draw near to God.**

<sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

**Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”**

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup>**Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist.**

Such fasting as you do today

**will not make your voice heard on high....**

<sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
**to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?**

<sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
**and bring the homeless poor into your house....**

<sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
**and your healing shall spring up quickly;**

your vindicator shall go before you,

**the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.**

<sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
**you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.**

<sup>9b</sup>If you remove the yoke from among you,  
**the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,**

<sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry  
**and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,**

then your light shall rise in the darkness  
**and your gloom be like the noonday.**

<sup>11</sup>The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
**and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,**

**like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.**

<sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;

**you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;**

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

**the restorer of streets to live in.**

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

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 112.1-9 [10]

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord  
**and have great delight in God's commandments!**

<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty in the land;  
**the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;**  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**

<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

<sup>7</sup>**They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.**

<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

<sup>9</sup>**They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever....**

<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry;  
**they will gnash their teeth and pine away;**  
the desires of the wicked will perish....

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

## A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: 1 Corinthians 2.1-12 [13-16]

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

<sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, *"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"*—

<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God <sup>13</sup>& we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

<sup>14</sup>Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup>Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

<sup>16</sup>*"For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"*

But we have the mind of Christ.

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

## A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Matthew 5.13-20

*You may stand if you so desire.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Word of God! Word of Life!

**Thanks be to God!**



*You may either stand or remain seated as you prefer.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FOR THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY**

Let us affirm our beliefs together as the community of Christ:

**We believe in God,**

**Creator of the good earth, where the trees form a corridor of praise  
and the birds form a choir to welcome each dawn;**

**Creator of the holy earth, where flowers spin in delight  
and the ocean washes pain from the shore;**

**Creator of the precious earth, where air, water, fire and living creatures tumble together,  
sometimes in joyous accord, but often in hurtful disarray.**

**We believe in Jesus, the restorer of the good path,  
who leads us into the depths of prayer and the heights of praise,  
who guides us through valleys of despair  
and along mountain paths of risk,  
who beckons us to renew relationships and restore unity.**

**We believe in the Spirit, who stirred the church into being  
and continually prompts us to be a river of hope, a stream of care,  
a fountain of joy and an ocean of love.**

**We believe in an amazing God, a risen Christ, and a life-giving Spirit. 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,  
that we may encounter God, build relationships, and change lives.**

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**

*You may stand, sit, or kneel for the prayers.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action.

Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated & practiced injustice – including systemic racism, church sanctioned colonialism, church protection of sexual abusers

We pray for our mission partners, especially today for food pantries and community suppers at Kingdom Builders Impact Ministries and Golden Hill United Methodist church and elsewhere.

We pray for Salem members & their families.

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night.

Sustain the unseen depths of the ocean and the plants and animals we know well.

Bring healing to lands and communities experiencing natural disasters, and motivate us to do all we can to prevent climate collapse.

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

Give to the powerful humble hearts and lead them to walk in your ways.

Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed.

Throughout the world, inspire voters & raise up politicians to heed your call to work for justice.

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst.

Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression.

Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities.

Satisfy those afflicted in any way, especially Barbro, Barry, Boni, Cliffy, Dave, Dave, Dennis, Dick, Dolores, Dorothy, Frank, Gigi, Grace, Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Jocelyn, Joe, Joey, John, Linda, Liz, Katherine, Marija, Natalie, Paula, Pastor Ruth, Sara, Sara Jean, Steve, VL, and all those we name in our hearts and on our lips.

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

Teach us and members of every congregations

to be salt for the earth, both individually and collectively.

Give us delight in your commandments and guide us to be generous with those in need.

Make us steadfast in our trust in you, ready with tangible mercy and compassion for our neighbors.

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death.

We praise you for the Martyrs of Japan and all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness.

Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven.

God of grace, **hear our prayer**

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

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God,

trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **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 it 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

## Bring Forth the Kingdom / City

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book,  
Worship & Praise # 22)*

*Everyone, please join in on the refrain (bold),  
and if you'd like to sing the verses (normal), join in on those, too!*

*You may stand if you so desire.*

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the city of God!

**Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the city of God!**

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people, shine for the city of God!

**Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the city of God!**

You are a seed of the word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the city of God!

**Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the city of God!**

We are a blest and a pilgrim people bound for the reign of God!  
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the city of God!

**Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;  
bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the city of God!**

*Text: based on Matthew 5:13-16, 13:18-23, Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15 by Marty Haugen  
Meter 9 7 9 7 & refrain*

*Music: BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM by Marty Haugen*

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*Performance by United Church in University Place, 09/06/21*

*Jeff Andersen, piano & vocals; A.J. Milleret, vocals*

*Don Thompson, guitar & audio mix; Judy Thierry, visuals*

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

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## THANK YOU

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 with me, you can reach her through Salem's website or Facebook page.

## BLESSING

As we say good-bye to our online worshippers, I'd like to offer to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and in cyberspace this blessing based on today's reading from Isaiah 58:

When you loose the bonds of injustice, undo the thongs of the yoke,  
let the oppressed go free, and break every chain,

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
you shall call, and God will answer. God will guide you and satisfy your every need!

So go, work for justice, and you will find joy!

**Amen**

*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.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new,  
transforming our hearts and minds, our witness and our service. **Amen**

Trusting in God's boundless power and endless love, let us confess our sin.

**Holy One, source of our renewal,  
we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.  
We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Thus says our God:

“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare”

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Those who follow where Christ leads will find life abundant and joy without measure. **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!**

## SENDING SONG

## This Little Light of Mine

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,  
This Far by Faith # 65 and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 677)*

***You may stand if you desire.***

- 1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 2 Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywher\_e I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**
- 3 Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

*Text: based on Matthew 5:14-16, African American spiritual; Meter Irregular*

*Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935*

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be salt and light that all may taste and see that the Lord is GOOD!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE HYMN

### O God of Light

*(as found in the ELCA worship book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 507)*

- 1 O God of light, your word, a lamp unfailing,  
shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way  
and show your grace, your plan for us unveiling,  
and guide our footsteps to the perfect day.
- 2 From days of old, through blind and willful ages,  
though we rebelled, you gently sought again,  
and spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,  
who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.
- 3 Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing  
to sinful hearts your justice and your grace;  
and questing spirits, longing for your healing,  
see your compassion in the Savior's face.
- 4 To all the world your summons you are sending,  
through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,  
that myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,  
may praise and celebrate your gift of grace.

*Text: based on Isaiah 51:4, Psalm 100:1, 119:105, Matthew 9:36, Mark 6:34, Luke 2:13-14  
1 Peter 1:10-12, Revelation 5:11-14, 7:9-10, by Sarah E. Taylor, 1883–1954, alt.  
Meter 11 10 11 10*

*Music: ATKINSON by H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933*

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*Performance by Concordia Theological Seminary, 11/05/18*

*During the Hymn Festival at the seminary's Good Shepherd Institute in Fort Wayne, IN  
the congregation and choir sang the hymn, with stanza 3 sung by the Seminary Kantorei.  
as found at this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EF1U4hdp1Wo> [4:55]*



# Announcements

**PLEASE JOIN THE SALEM'S WATER BOTTLE CHALLENGE** to benefit the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Janus Center's school closet program! School children in Bridgeport public schools are in dire need of drinking water as drinking fountains have been dismantled due to Covid and also because of lead in the pipes. Our own Cindy Roberts has found a most cost-effective way to supply water – by the pallet! A pallet holds 84 cases, each holding 24 bottles for a total of 2,016 bottles. Cindy has negotiated the price down to \$6.12 (including the \$.10 deposit) = \$514.08/pallet. Salem delegates to the CCGB would like to challenge our congregation to raise enough funds to cover 1 pallet and then challenge other congregations to do the same. Please make checks payable to Salem and in the memo list “water bottles”. You can also contribute cash by placing it in an envelope, marked “from <YOUR NAME> for water bottles”, and place it in the offering box or give it to Pastor Marjo. If you have any questions please see Sandra Brown, Nancy Headford, Tom Larson, Cindy Roberts, Bill Winter or Pastor Marjo.

## **Upcoming services at our regular time include:**

Sundays Feb 12 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday February 19 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord

Wednesday Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday – place TBA

**Habitat for Humanity of Coastal Fairfield County** invites your support as a guest, sponsor, or in-kind donor, at their 2023 Annual Gala April Fools Masquerade Ball Saturday April 1, 2023, 6:30-11:00 PM, Woodway Country Club, 540 Hoyt Street, Darien, CT. For more information, please visit [habitatcfc.org/gala](http://habitatcfc.org/gala).

**You can help feed the hungry!** While we may not have our own food pantry anymore, some of our members and others are still in need of food and Pastor Marjo distributes \$25 stop and shop cards as needed, requested and as available. We encourage you to donate to Salem's food assistance fund. You can give using the envelopes found in your quarterly envelope packet or you can put a check in the donation box marked “food assistance.” In addition, you may send a check to the office or drop it in church mailbox or give it or cash to Pastor Marjo. You can also give to the fund online by **clicking on this link**. or go to our website, [SalemBridgeport.org](http://SalemBridgeport.org), click on Donate, and then fill in your amount under “Food Pantry Donation”.

**You can also feed the hungry** by helping to collect food at the following times & places:

**March 18** for Bishop Jean Williams Food Pantry at Stop & Shop on Main in Bridgeport

**April 15** for Trumbull Food Pantry at Stop & Shop on Quality St in Trumbull

**May 20** for Sterling House Food Pantry at Stop & Shop on Main St in Stratford

**June 17** for Operation Hope at Stop & Shop on Kings Hwy Cutoff in Fairfield

The Monday morning team that helps at Bishop Jean Williams Food Pantry will help deliver the collections on the following Mondays. See Richard Lansing to sign up!

**The Connecticut Hospice, Inc.** is accepting applications for new volunteers! Our patients and families are in need of your care and support. If you have an interest in companionship, light housekeeping or making meals, please contact Joan Cullen, Director of Volunteers at 203-315-7510.

**Please support the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's ministries** with your donations of time and money.

- Their FEED Center is improving the nutritional value of the food served and distributed through their network of food pantries and soup kitchens and is also providing free culinary classes and entrepreneurial opportunities to help lift people out of poverty. Their Mobile Market truck delivers fresh fruits and vegetables to the communities who have a hard time getting to the stores.
- PROJECT LEARN is the after-school program for elementary students which is run by the Summerfield United Methodist Church.
- Their JANUS Center supports 90 young people each year, offering a 24-hour hot line, respite care services, mentoring, and interventions, helping to keep them in school and out of the juvenile justice system – leveraging hope and changing lives. Parenting Journey workshops help parents learn skills to help their families. The Outreach program works with homeless youth.
- PROYECTO NUEVA VITA (PNW) helps formerly incarcerated citizens upon their release with a set of clothes, needed documents, bus passes and group meetings to help get their lives back together.

## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

**The Martyrs of Japan, died 1597**

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

Christianity was brought to Japan in the 16<sup>th</sup> century by Jesuit and Franciscan missionaries. The religion was suppressed, however, and in 1597 26 missionaries & converts were crucified. Nevertheless, Christianity survived and later prospered.

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Greater Bridgeport and Vicinity Presents:



# Black History Month

## Scholarship Prayer Breakfast



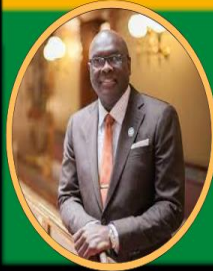
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