



# *Salem Lutheran Church*

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

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**LORD** **OF THE**  
**HARVEST**

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# Welcome to Worship!

**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 for when we have coffee hour or adult forums there.** Also, you are most welcome to wear a mask at worship if you'd like.

**As Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu's popular song, "Way Maker" proclaims, our God is a way maker, a miracle worker, a promise keeper, and a light in the darkness.** When he is 75 years old and his wife is 65, God promises Abraham that he will be the father of many nations. He and Sarah wait 25 years before they have a child together. The Psalmist sings that God's steadfast love is everlasting and God's faithfulness endures from age to age. The Apostle Paul says that we can actually "boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us". And Jesus promises that "the one who endures to the end will be saved" Let us come into God's house with thanksgiving and into God's courts with praise for our way making, promise keeping, miracle working God!

**Today Salem will have its semi-annual meeting following worship.**

**Our Wednesday Evening Bible Study continues at 7:00 on zoom as we study 1 Corinthians 1-4.** The study is inspired by the book, Basic Christian Leadership: Biblical Models of Church, Gospel and Ministry by John Stott. Paul wrote to congregations who were facing challenges, and God is still speaking to us today through Paul's words. This week we'll begin looking at 1 Corinthians 3, in which Paul says that congregations can be immature or mature spiritually, and that there are 2 ways to determine which a congregation is – by their diet and by their behavior. What is our diet? How are we behaving? Where are we on the maturity scale as a congregation? **If you are interested in Salem's future, we do hope you will take this opportunity to join us!**

**Juneteenth Freedom Day is an American holiday that commemorates the emancipation of all and any remaining slaves in the Confederacy on June 19, 1865.** **The Diocese of Bridgeport's Black Catholic Apostolate invite you to Juneteenth, A Freedom Celebration, tomorrow, June 19, at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 275 Union Avenue, Bridgeport, CT, with Holy Hour from 6 to 7 pm and Juneteenth Program from 7 to 8 pm.** Celebrate the day of freedom of African-Americans with Holy Hour, Proclamations, Gospel Choir, African Drummers, and so much more. For more info, go to [www.bridgeportdiocese.org](http://www.bridgeportdiocese.org).

And/Or, celebrate the day by supporting Black Artists and Businesses by attending Juneteenth Open Mic on zoom **for a night of Music, Poetry, Hip Hop, & Jazz. Monday 6/19, 8-11 pm. Tickets are \$5-10 and can be purchased at <https://allevents.in/bridgeport/juneteenth-open-mic---music---poetry---hip-hop---jazz---vendors-needed/10000643382342907>**

# Gathering

## GATHERING SONG

## Way Maker

*As long as everyone is masked, you may sing along softly.*

*Verse 1* You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

*Chorus* (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

*Verse 2* You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

*Verse 3* You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

*Tag* That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are  
That is who You are

*Bridge* Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

*CCLI Song # 7115744*

*Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu*

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*Performance # 1 "Way Maker Opener" by Covenant Church– 04/12/20 (Easter)*  
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEP53RlqbF4> [5:51]

*Performance # 2 "Way Maker" sung by the Times Square Church Choir. 10/20/18*  
as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lW4M5DeQ4dk> [8:16]

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

## WELCOME

Welcome, in the name of the Promise-Keeping God,  
the Way-Making Jesus,  
and the Miracle-Working Spirit!

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 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](http://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](http://SalemBridgeport.org/Live).

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**You are invited to our weekday prayer call at noon on our conference line,  
to our Wednesday Prayer Gathering at noon on zoom,  
and to our Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 on zoom.**

Any other announcements? prayer requests? God-sightings? Then let's begin worship w/prayer!

God, we are here to worship you, to praise you, to bless you, and to magnify your name!

We are here to thank you for everything that we are and everything that we have!

We are here to acknowledge that you are God and we are not.

We are here to listen to you and allow you to transform our minds.

We are here to submit to your will, to obey you, and to follow you wherever you lead.

We are here to wait on you because we are your servants.

We are here to wait for you and your perfect timing.

We are here to thank you in advance

for all that you have done, all that you are doing, and all that you will do,

to draw each and every one of us here gathered closer to you.

Pour your Spirit into us

and so transform our bodies, minds, hearts and spirits right here and right now.

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

## **OPENING SONG He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates)**

### *Verse*

**I will enter His gates With thanksgiving in my heart  
I will enter His courts with praise  
I will say this is the day That the Lord has made  
I will rejoice For He has made me glad**

### *Chorus*

**He has made me glad He has made me glad  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad  
He has made me glad He has made me glad  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad**

*CCLI Song # 1493*

*Leona Von Brethorst*

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*Performance by The Adventist Vocal Ensemble*

*and the congregation of St. John's, Hackney, North London.*

*Songs of Praise – 08/28/16*

*as found at this link:*

*[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Mlr\\_iec2nQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Mlr_iec2nQ) [2:29]*

# Word

*Please be seated.*

## **A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said”. <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes”. <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent”. <sup>10</sup>Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son”. And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham was 75, and Sarah 65; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup>But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh”....

[Twenty-five years from the time God first made this promise....] <sup>1</sup>The LORD dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup>Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup>Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. <sup>4</sup>And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup>Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup>Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” <sup>7</sup>And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”]

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

## **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS: Psalm 100**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands!

**Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence with a song.**

Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong;

**we are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;

**give thanks and bless God’s holy name.**

Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting,

**whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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



## **A READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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

## **A READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Matthew 9:35—10:23, selected verses**

*You may stand if you so desire.*

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness....

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons.... As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Child of Humanity comes."

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

**SERMON**

*Please be seated.*

Pastor Marjo

*You may stand if you so desire.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH for the season of Pentecost**

Let us affirm our faith together.

**Through the Holy Spirit God created the heavens and the earth.  
Inspired by the Spirit of God we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord of our lives.**

**We believe there are many gifts, but the same Spirit.  
There are many ways of serving, but the same Lord.  
There are many sorts of abilities, but it is the same God  
who activates all of them in everyone for the sole purpose of doing God's will.**

**To each child of God is given an expression of the Spirit for the common good.**

**Through baptism in the Spirit, God confers the gifts of  
wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge  
and awe at God's boundless power and joy in God's endless love.**

**The Spirit also manifests in such gifts as healing, prophetic insight,  
speaking in tongues, extraordinary ability, witness, and service.**

**The Spirit's living presence in us is demonstrated by our fruits:  
love & joy, peace & patience, faithfulness, goodness, kindness, gentleness & self-control  
all of which are activated by one and the same Spirit,  
who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses,  
to the glory of God and the joy of humankind. Amen**

## **PURPOSE STATEMENT** *(updated by Council in June of 2019)*

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**



## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Please be seated.*

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

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

For the church here and around the world, we pray.

Make us into disciples and send us out with authority

to proclaim good news, bring healing where there is pain, and stand against the forces of evil.

We pray for our mission partners,

especially today for the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Project Learn,

Project Nueva Vida, and its Bridge Building programs.

We pray for all teachers and educators, and especially those at Fairchild Wheeler High School, to be appreciated and to know the love of God.

And we pray for Salem members & their families, especially those celebrating birthdays this week: Elise DeWalt and Annika Larson.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth and all its creatures, we pray.

Equip farmers, farm workers, and all who labor on the land to produce a harvest.

Nourish crops with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine.

Restore lands ruined by pollution or misuse.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who govern, we pray.

Empower those who seek peaceful solutions to conflict

and embolden all of us to advocate for all who are oppressed.

Work through systems of government to establish justice throughout the world.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer, we pray. Accompany those who feel helpless, alone, or abandoned.

Embrace any who long for successful treatment for mental illness or freedom from addiction.

Work healing in the spirits, hearts, minds, and bodies of all your children,

especially Barbro, Barry, Boni, Cliffy, Dave, Dave, David, Dennis, Diane, Diane, Dolores,

Dorothy, Eric, the family and friends of Isabelle, Jacob, Janice, Jeff, Jim, Joe, Joey, John, Karen,

Pastor Kari, Katherine, Kevyn, Linda, Liz, Marija, Natalie, Natasha, Natasha, Pastor Paul,

Pastor Paula, Sara, Sara Jean, Sasha, Steve, Tyler, and VL,

and all those we name in our hearts and on our lips.

God, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For fathers and father figures, we pray.

Console all who long to be fathers, children estranged from their fathers,

anyone grieving the death of a father, and fathers who have lost a child.

Draw near to all for whom this day stirs up difficult emotions.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the saints, we give thanks.

Receive into your eternal care all those who have died & fill us with hope that does not disappoint.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*(as found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship books,  
This Far by Faith # 283 and Evangelical Lutheran Worship # 733)*

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

### *Refrain*

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

*Text: based on Lamentations 3:22-23 by Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960  
Meter 11 10 11 10 and refrain*

*Music: FAITHFULNESS by William M. Runyan, 1870-1957*

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*Performance by St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Lexington, SC, 06/18/20*

*As we spend more time away from our beautiful sanctuary here at St. Stephen's,  
one of the many things we have begun to really miss is hearing our organ,  
played by Assistant Music Director and Organist Matthew Ganong,  
and singing hymns as a congregation.*

*We decided to record a hymn to be posted every day or so  
to virtually bring you back into the sanctuary.*

*You are invited to listen, share, and sing along with these hymns,*

*led by Associate Pastor Jason Antley and Music Director Bailey Slice Parker.*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGY3rA62soE> [3:25]*

# Sending

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated.*

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to our Wednesday Prayer Gathering at noon on zoom,  
and to our Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 on zoom.**

All of our zoom events can be found on the Calendar under the Resources tab on our website:  
SalemBridgeport.org

## 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 together,  
you can reach me through our website or Facebook.

## BLESSING

As we say good-bye to our online worshippers,

I'd like to offer this blessing to all who are worshipping with us, both in-person and online:  
based on our psalm for today, #100:

Get to know God intimately,  
that you may know the goodness of the LORD,  
whose steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

*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 Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps us in the one true faith. **Amen**

God's love is infinite and unconditional.

As individuals we have only to accept it and live in its light.

The moment we confess, we are forgiven.

As together we gather for worship, so together we confess our sins as our community,  
and together we are forgiven, restored, and made new.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God, we confess:

**that too often we focus on the things we lack,  
that too often we are attached to our own personal agendas,  
that too often we insist on doing things our own way,  
that too often we are oblivious to the needs for justice around us.**

God who has heard our confession both forgives and forgets every failing. **Amen!**

Loving God, teach us:

**to see your amazing abundance rather than any lack,  
to listen more - to you and to each other - and to talk less,  
to trust in your power and not our own,  
to build relationships with those who are not like us.**

God who has given us the will to do these things †  
graciously gives us the power to perform them. **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 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

## Shout to the Lord

*(While this is the WOW Worship arrangement, this song can be found in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's worship book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, # 821)*

### *Verse*

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You;  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

### *Chorus*

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands; forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

### *Verse*

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Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

*CCLI Song # 1406918*

*Darlene Zschech*

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*Performance by COS Treehouse, 07/26/13*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhW6lygfyLA> [3:34]*



## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, and allow God's love to be poured into your heart through the Holy Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE HYMN

### The God of Abraham Praise

- 1 The God of Abr'ham praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love – "I Am the One I Am" – by earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.
- 2 The God of Abr'ham praise! At your supreme command from earth I rise & seek the joys at your right hand. I all on earth forsake – its wisdom, fame, and pow'r – and you my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.
- 3 The God of Abr'ham praise! Your all-sufficient grace shall guide me all my pilgrim days in all my ways. You deign to call me friend; you call yourself my God! And you will save me to the end thru Jesus' blood.
- 4 Your promise you have sworn; I on your oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend. I shall behold your face; I shall your pow'r adore, and sing the wonders of your grace forevermore.
- 5 Tho' nature's strength decay & earth & hell withstand to Canaan's bounds I urge my way at your command. The wat'ry deep I pass, with Jesus in my view, and through the howling wilderness my way pursue.
- 6 The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest; a land of sacred liberty and endless rest. There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.
- 7 Before the great Three-One the saints exulting stand & tell the wonders God has done through all their land. The list'ning spheres attend & swell the growing fame & sing the songs which never end the wondrous name.
- 8 The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high. "Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry. Hail, Abr'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays: to you be glory, might divine, and endless praise!

*Text: based on Genesis 12:1-8, 22:16, Exodus 3:6, 14, 19:4, Daniel 7:13, Romans 4:16-22, Galatians 3:6-9, Hebrews 11:8-9 by Thomas Olivers, 1725-1799, alt., based on the Yigdal, c. 14th cent; Meter 6 6 8 4 D*

*Music: YIGDAL, LEONI, Jewish melody; arr. Meyer Lyon, 1751-1797*

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*Performance by Plymouth Church DSM, 03/06/23*

*as found at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vaLkMIBAfBU> [3:11]*

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# Announcements

**Our SPIRITUAL JOURNEY continues as we move into the 6-month season of Pentecost!** Whatever your successes or failures in your Lenten or Easter disciplines, remember that the purpose is to establish NEW healthier habits of body, mind, heart and soul. And that's an ongoing task. **If you've done well, continue! If you haven't, well, now we have the entire 6 months of the Pentecost season to try again!**

**1. Get your annual “spiritual”** – just the way you get your annual physical.

Call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441 to arrange a time to discuss how you are, and let her know how she can pray for you.

Or if you prefer to use email to set something up, send your email to [salemsec123@sbcglobal.net](mailto:salemsec123@sbcglobal.net).

**2. Call in to our prayer line at 681-999-0232, using access code 673980#, at noon Mon-Fri** for a brief time of prayer.

You can remain silent and anonymous, ask for particular prayers, or offer your own prayers.

**3. Begin a Pentecost fast** or establish a new healthier habit.

**4. Commit yourself to some new work of charity and one new work of justice.**

If you're not sure what to do, Pastor Marjo can offer suggestions.

**Thank you to all who worked on the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Spring Fling** (especially Bonnie McWain and Sandra Brown!) and to all who supported it with your ticket purchases and donations. This is the Council's main fundraiser and allows its important work to continue and to grow, so we are most grateful for your support!

**Thank you to those of you who have supported the diaper and wipe drive!** As with our bottle drive (which raised over the \$624 needed to purchase 4032 bottles of water for Bridgeport schools without safe drinking water), the power of God working through your generosity put us over the top! Salem members raised \$1200 plus \$70 from Grace Lutheran and \$250 from Thrivent toward the purchase of 44 boxes of diapers (about 3400 diapers) and 80 packages of wipes (5120 wipes) for delivery to nOURish Bridgeport. A further \$180 was raised and given to nOURish Bridgeport. Salem also encouraged participation in the diaper drive by Grace Lutheran (1 package diapers), Holy Trinity (9 packages diapers and 7 packages wipes) and Our Saviour's (14 packages diapers and 11 packages wipes)

**Thank you to those who participated in Church World Service's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Walk in Bridgeport.** We thank both our walkers and those who donated to the cause. **NEXT YEAR IS THE 50<sup>th</sup> WALK, SO LET'S ALL GET READY TO WALK, WITNESS, & WILLINGLY GIVE!**

**nOURish BRIDGEPORT's Hydroponic Farm** is now open to the public. Hours are Monday and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and purchase leafy greens and herbs at 1895 Stratford Avenue, Stratford CT.

**Thank you for your contributions to Salem's Food Assistance Fund!** 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 & 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 at Salem 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.

**If you'd like to do more than feed people,** you can also contribute to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund which is used to help members who have other financial needs.

**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 or send an email to SalemSec123@sbcglobal.net. **Please also do not hesitate to call or text Pastor Marjo at 203-982-3441 or email her at marjoanderson@aol.com. She would be MORE THAN HAPPY to hear from you!**

## **UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

**Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia.

Captured, enslaved, and taken to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries.

He translated the Bible into his native Oromo and returned to preach there.

**John the Baptist**

**Saturday, June 24, 2023**

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease".

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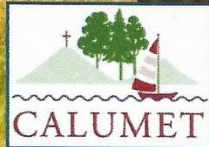
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