



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

REBUILDING LIFE IN AND WITH JESUS CHRIST

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

A Call to Unison Prayer: *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*, verse 1
Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of our God and precious, binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and our confidence alone.
Let us pray.

Opening Prayer (Unison): *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*, verse 2 and 3
To this temple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, today!
With your constant, loving kindness hear your people as they pray.
Give your fullest benediction: grace to follow Christ the way.

**Here renew your servants' vision, that by faith they may attain
peace and hope, renewed compassion, strength to comfort those in pain,
Tears and grief transformed to gladness in your everlasting reign.
Amen.**

A Call to Confession (Responsively): Heb. 4:14-16
Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens,
Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

**For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize
with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been
tested as we are, yet without sin.**

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we
may receive mercy

and find grace to help in time of need.

*Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**O God of grace and God of glory, we appeal to you for your
heavenly mercies. Receive us in spite of the shortcomings we
acknowledge before you and in spite of those of which we are
unaware. Take from us all that is wrong and replace it with the right,**

**and help us to live each day in gratitude and in faithful service, all in
the name of Jesus Christ whom you sent to be our Redeemer and
Friend. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

Offertory

*Dedication of Gifts (Unison):

**God of heaven and earth, we acknowledge that your gifts to us
that are more than we deserve and more than we can count. We owe
you thanks for life and health and home, for abilities and
opportunities, for work to do and strength to do it, for books and
music and fun and games and friendships along life's way. All good
gifts around us are sent from heaven above, and so we thank you,
Lord, for all your love; and we pledge our lives to be ones of grateful
service and devotion. Please receive what we offer and let your will be
done. Amen.**

The Doxology

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:20-21

Sermon: God's Gifts to a Church Reborn
*Now may the God of peace . . . make you complete in everything good
so that you may do his will* Heb. 13:20, 21

*Charge to the Congregation (Unison): *Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed*,
verse 1

**Christian, rise and act your creed; let your prayer be in your deed;
Seek the right, perform the true, raise your work and life anew.**

*Benediction

Postlude

An asterisk (*) where those who are able should stand as an act of worship.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT YOUR SERVICE

Do you need assistance with lawn mowing, yardwork, outdoor painting, or dog walking? The youth of Salem would like to serve you and they are looking for opportunities to help their Salem community by providing any work that can be done outdoors, or in an otherwise Covid- safe environment. Please contact Sarah Pundt (spundt@saalemchurchverona.org) for more information or to schedule a service.

GARDEN PLOTS

If you would like to reserve space in Salem's garden, please contact Doug or Barb Smith. Bdsmith5254@gmail.com or dlsmith5@mac.com They will be happy to assist you in staking your claim.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Today, April 25

1-2PM - Youth Gathering
Afternoon - Piano Recital
7PM - Adult Sunday School

Wednesday, April 28

6:30PM - Confirmation
6:30PM - Handbells (Small group of 6 only)

Sunday, May, 2

9AM - Sunday School MS-HS (Zoom)
9:45AM - Pre K-5th Grade (music outside @ church)
10:30-11:15AM - In-Person Worship
7PM - Adult Sunday School (Zoom)

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