SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

February 14, 2021 Transfiguration Sunday

SHAPING OUR LIVES THROUGH THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Prelude:

Welcome

Call to Worship (Responsively):

Come, let us gather in the love of God.

And let us rejoice in God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

God is love. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Let your love be genuine and hold fast to good as together we revel in the excellence of God's majestic and tender love.

Hymn: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Loving God, we confess before you and others the brokenness that is around and within. We have not loved you as we should or our neighbors as we ought. And we have not loved ourselves enough to be honest in our self-awareness or gentle in our self-recrimination. Open us, please, to the way that is right and true, and help us to find in your most glorious love the remedy that we and our broken world need. We ask this in the name of Jesus whom you sent in love to be our redemption and our peace. 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.

Scripture Reading: Mark 2:15-17 Harlan Hall, reading

Sermon: The Extent of the Love of Jesus

I have come to call not the righteous but sinners. Mk. 2:17

Hymn: *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

Benediction

Postlude:

Rev. Dr. Mark E. Yurs, Pastor
Dawn Lingard, Organist/Pianist

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