



SALEM UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter

REBUILDING LIFE IN AND WITH JESUS CHRIST

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Introit

Call to Worship (Responsively):

Ps. 29:1-2, adapted

Ascribe to the Lord, you congregation,

Ascribe to the Lord, you preacher,

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to God the glory that is God's due.

Worship God for the radiance and beauty that is God's character.

**Celebrate the excellent and endless victory won for us by God's
undefeated and undefeatable love.**

Hymn:

Yours Is the Glory

Organ Verse

One:

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away;

Conquered is the grace in which your body lay.

All:

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

Organ Verse

Right:

See, it is Jesus, Jesus has appeared;

Do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.

Left:

Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing'

Tell it without ceasing: Death has lost its sting.

All:

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

Organ Verse

Men:

Am I still frightened?

One whom I adore, Jesus, lives again, gives peace

Forevermore.

Women:

Jesus is my victory, life and strength and Head;

Jesus is my glory, nothing shall I dread.

All:

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the victory you o'er death have won.

A Call to Confession (Responsively):

Approach the throne of mercy. Seated upon it is the God of glory whose
love is everlasting.

**God is faithful, slow to anger, and rich with love abundant toward
all who sin and fall short of their own expectations and God's.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

**God of glory, who is more wonderful than we have dared to imagine
or can imagine, we confess our share in the selfishness that rules on
this human plane and our readiness to love the lesser goods that –
while not bad in and of themselves – are not the highest and the best
that can be found in loving you with heart and soul and mind and
strength. We confess also to the ignorance of not knowing the error of
our ways and to the almost callousness of not caring about the error
of our ways. We appeal to the cross of Jesus Christ and its promise of
redemption and renewal. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Dedication of Gifts (Unison):

**All your ways with us, O God, all your ways are ways of steadfast
love and faithfulness. We respond gratefully and with faithfulness our
own. May all that we have offered you here and otherwise be useful to
you in making the gospel of Jesus Christ known among us, the people
of our community, and in faraway places where he chooses to make
himself known through the gifts of the church. Amen.**

Bell Duet:

Lift High the Cross

Rachel Bain and Carrie Coenen

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 16:1-8

Sermon: Hints as to the Lord's Appearing
But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you. Mk. 16:7

Communion Hymn: *Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face* (vss. 1-3)

(Spoken With Piano Background)

Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
And all my weariness upon you lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
Here share the cup, the gracious gift of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
This is the heavenly table spread anew;
Here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong
The brief, bright hour together here with you.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Act of Communing

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison):

Most Holy God, we give you thanks for the gift of the Savior's presence in this odd and uncustormary way of Communion. We rejoice that the blessings of the Sacrament are in your mysteries rather than in our understandings or our traditions. And we rejoice that you who met with us today will meet with us tomorrow and all our tomorrows until our days on earth come to an end and we are with you forever in your eternity. Amen.

Hymn: *Lead On Eternal Sovereign*
Organ Verse

Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;
Loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:
Through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong,
To carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.
Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,
For in each human conflict your words of strength we hear:

That when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,
Our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.
Lead on eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And all in your saints together will sing a hymn of peace;
Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,
To love and serve each other for all eternity.

Organ Verse

*Benediction

Postlude

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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Tuesday, April 13

6PM - Finance

7PM - Council

Wednesday, April 14

6:30PM - Confirmation

6:30PM - Handbells

Thursday, April 15

6:30PM - Koinonia (Women's Fellowship)

Sunday, April 18

9AM - Sunday School - PreK-HS (Zoom)

10:30-11:15AM - In-Person Worship

7PM - Adult Sunday School (Zoom)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONTINUE TO SIGN-UP IN ADVANCE OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Please use the following link to sign up online for subsequent Sundays that you plan to attend in-person worship. Alternatively, you may contact the church office.

<https://rsvp.church/r/6XQIGLk2>

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