SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Living Out God's Love

An Open and Affirming Congregation

October 4, 2020 World Communion Sunday

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A SERVICE OF WORSHIP IN THE PARKING LOT
WORSHIP IS BETTER WHEN WE ARE TOGETHER!

Prelude:

Welcome

A Vehicular Call to Worship (Responsively):

Run you windshield wipers!

* * * Let your wipers run three (Trinitarian!) times. * * *

Unison: **We seek a clear vision of God.**

Flash your headlights!

* * * Flash your lights three times. * * *

Unison: **We seek to live in the light of God.**

Sound your horn!

* * * Sound your horn three times. * * *

Unison: **We are here to loudly praise the name of God unashamed.**

Opening Prayer (Unison):

Living God, we never thought we would worship you in four-wheeled pews. But neither did we think a quarantine would last this long. We are glad for this chance to gather with our fellow Christians and to worship you in this public way. Move from car to car and from person to person. Unite us in spirit and fill us with the joy of worship, the gladness of Christian community, and the thrill of being in your good and wonderful presence. Amen.

Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible*

Prayer of Confession (Unison):

Immortal God, whose love is ever fresh and vibrant and strong, we confess how easy it is to let fear get the best of us. We don't see you, so we fear you are not real. We don't feel you, so we fear you are not near. We don't hear you, so we fear you are not true. It is easy in our fear to feel defeated, and to sense that your goodness will not prevail, that your justice will not soar, and that your rule will not be obeyed. Forgive us for granting so much weight to the severity of the problems

around us that we lose our trust in the surety of your wisdom and strength and splendor. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.

Prayer to Dedicate Recent Offerings (Unison):

Good and gracious God, we lay before you the fruits of our stewardship which have been brought to the church in recent weeks. May the gifts which have come in your gracious abundance be used in faith abundant to achieve ends abundant, all to the glory of your name as we hope here to help all people know the welcome of God, worship with joy, grow as disciples, live as servants, and enjoy the strength of Christian fellowship. Amen.

"Better Together" Sharing the Strength of Fellowship Harlan Hall, Stewardship Speaker

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: Isaiah 6:1-8

BRC Anthem: *He Never Sleeps*

Sermon: The God of Isaiah

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Is. 6:1

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation and Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution with Distribution

Please hold the elements until all have been served, and then partake of both wafer and juice, one immediately after the other.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison):

O God, who communes with us and who brings us together in communion with one another, we were beginning to fear we were losing the

taste of Holy Communion because of our long separation from our sisters and brothers in the church. But you have remembered us! You have brought us this Communion. It is different from any kind we have experienced before, but it is no less real and we rejoice in it! Thanks and praise be to the God who has remembered us and all people the world over. Amen.

Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God*

Benediction

Postlude:

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Dawn Lingard, Organist/Pianist

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