



**SALEM UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST  
*Living Out God's Love*

An Open and Affirming Congregation

June 27, 2021

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Faith* [Jim Brickman]

Call to Worship (Psalm 24) [refrain text: Bert Polman, Arr. John Ferguson]  
(Leader reads odd verses, congregation reads even verses)

*Refrain (Choir)*

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

**2 for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.**

*Refrain (Choir)*

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

**4 Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.**

5 They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

**6 Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

*Refrain (Choir)*

7 Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

**8 Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.**

9 Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

**10 Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.**

*Refrain (Choir)*

\*Prayer of Confession

Call to Confession (Leader):

God calls us in our lives to take a risk, to be like the woman in the gospel who reaches out to Jesus for healing for herself; or the father who risks the scorn of others to bring Jesus to his dying daughter. Let us ponder for a moment the places of our lives where we may resist turning to God for healing and change.

(silence)

Litany of Confession (Responsively):

When we resist your call to open our hearts to allow the freshness of your grace to enter:

**God have mercy.**

When we close our eyes to your new and unexpected possibilities of healing and reconciliation.

**Christ have mercy.**

When we let fear overwhelm us, and cling to the security of what we know instead of risking new steps toward your freedom and justice:

**God have mercy.**

Assurance of Grace (Responsively):

God's mercies are fresh every morning. In Christ God offers forgiving grace and welcome into a community of trust, abundance, and hope. Let us give thanks for the mercy of God.

**We open our hearts to receive the grace and love of God. Amen.**

Anthem: *There is a Balm in Gilead* [African-American Spiritual]

Prayer of Dedication (Unison):

**God, we ask that you bless these offerings. Whether what we give is monetary or the giving of our time and/or service, we are proud to serve you in our communities. We are thankful for the blessings that you have given to each of us. We ask that you watch over us all until we gather again. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 5:21-43 (full text on next page)

As you listen to the scripture reading consider these questions:

*What is a word or phrase that captures your attention or makes you curious to know more?*

*What questions does this story raise for you?*

*What might the Holy Spirit be saying to you or to us in this text?*

Proclaiming the Word Together in Community

Pastoral Prayer

\*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.**

Closing Hymn: *We Walk in Faith and Not by Sight* [Alford, SHANTI]  
Choir sings vs. 1, 2, 4; Congregation reads vs. 3 and 5)

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear from God  
who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe Them near.  
2 We may not touch God's hands and side,  
nor follow where They trod;  
but in Their promise we rejoice and cry,  
"My Lord and God!"

**3 Help then, O God, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on You when You are near  
and seek where You are found.**

4 That, when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light,  
may we behold You as You are  
with full and endless sight.

**5 We walk by faith, and not by sight;  
no gracious words we hear from God  
who spoke as none e'er spoke,  
but we believe Them near.**

\*Benediction

Postlude: *An Irish Blessing* [Lori Line]

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

### Today's anthem: *'There Is a Balm In Gilead'*

In biblical times, balm of Gilead was a rare perfume used for healing produced by a plant in Gilead, the mountainous region east of the Jordan River. The message in this spiritual responds to the suffering and indignities of slavery with inspiration. The essence of this song holds true for us today; in Jesus there is comfort and a promise of healing, hope, and liberation.

### Scripture Reading:

#### Mark 5:21-43 A Girl Restored to Life and a Woman Healed

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat<sup>[a]</sup> to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." <sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup> But overhearing<sup>[b]</sup> what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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## TODAY'S GUEST PREACHER:

*The Rev. Dr. Tisha Brown serves the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ as Associate Conference Minister for Leadership Development. A few of you may remember her from the benefit jazz performance she put on in our sanctuary a number of years ago.*

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Thursday, July 1

1:30PM - Women's Guild Meeting

Sunday, July 4

**Independence Day - 4th of July**

9AM - Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POST-WORSHIP PROTOCOL

*Part of our re-opening protocol for in-person worship has involved sanitizing the used areas after worship. Council members have been doing this work but, understandably, they may be less available in the summer months. And so they are appealing for help. The work is not hard and does not take long. An email to Mark (myurs@salemchurchverona.org) will get you on the list of willing helpers. Someone will show you what needs to be done after a worship service. Thanks!*

### SAVE THE DATE!

Our pastor, Mark Yurs, will be retiring in August after serving Salem for 30 years. His last worship service will be on August 1 and the congregation plans to honor Mark and Sherrol with an open house after the 9am service.

Details will be shared in the weeks to come. Mark your calendar now and share this with others who might be interested. Please provide Cara Bahr (cbahr@salemchurchverona.org) with contact information for anyone who is not currently part of our congregation that may want to attend.

### SALEM WOMEN'S GUILD

The Salem Women's Guild will be having their business meeting this Thursday, July 1. All Guild members are invited to attend, as we will be meeting outside on the patio. In case of rain, bring your mask as we will meet in the fellowship hall and will social distance per CDC guidelines. No food will be served at this meeting.

### DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Devotional booklets from These Days, Upper Room and Our Daily Bread are available in the information box near the outdoor labyrinth, as well as on the wall in the main entryway. New this week are Upper Room for July - August and Theses Days for July - September. These devotional booklets are provided by the Women's Guild.

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