

Salem United Methodist Church

January 10, 2021

WELCOME

Pastor Stacey Nickerson

CALL TO WORSHIP

2 Corinthians 4:6

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Almighty God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, now and for ever. Amen.**

OPENING MUSIC

Alyson Moore, Music Director

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison): 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1: 1-5 (NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE

"Walking in God's Light"

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (in unison): **Eternal God, you are the Creator and Source of all Light, accept our thanks and praise for your faithfulness and goodness. In response to your love and grace shown us in Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to walking in your light and following our Savior moment by moment. Guide us and work through us for your honor and glory; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

CLOSING HYMN

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

**May the road rise to meet you
May the wind always be at your back
May the sun shine warm on your face
The rain fall soft on your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.**

Text: Traditional Irish Blessing

Music: Alyson Moore

TAKING OUT THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

Thank you to Susan Walker who is our liturgist today.

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This Week (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 1/11 - 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study on Zoom

The covenant between God & Abraham: Genesis 17

Thursday, 1/14 - 11:30 a.m.

Trivia Time on Zoom

Bible Study Outline:

January 18 – The covenant between God & Moses:

Exodus 20:1-21/Deuteronomy 5:6-21

January 25 – Jesus and the Law:

Mark 12:28-34, Matthew 22:34-40 & Luke 10:25-28

February 1 – Start the Book of Romans

Please contact Pastor Stacey with your prayer requests:

pastor@salemunited.org or 410-627-1944 (call/text). If you would like a request included in the prayers during our service, please send it before Sunday morning. Thank you very much.

