

Salem United Methodist Church

November 22, 2020

WELCOME
OPENING MUSIC

Pastor Stacey Nickerson
Alyson Moore

*We Gather Together
Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 63: 7)

“I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord, the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, because of all that the Lord has done for us, and the great favor to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.”

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Most gracious God, you crown the year with your goodness. We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest shall not cease. We bless you for the order and constancy of nature, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea, and for the providence that year by year supplies our need. We thank you for your blessing on the work of those who plowed the soil and sowed the seed, and have now gathered in the fruits of the earth. And with our thanksgiving for these blessings, accept our praise, O God, for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord; to whom, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (NRSV)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE *“Giving Thanks For God’s Love in Jesus Christ”*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison): **We offer our praises to you, Gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for loving us so much that you have given to us your Son, who is our Savior. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving. In response to your loving faithfulness to us we offer ourselves through our gifts and our service. Use us as your faithful witnesses. Bless our offering and unite us in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

HYMN *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”* (UMH 694)

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

Today

We thank our liturgist for today, Karen Sersen
Our opening prayer is from the United Methodist Book of Worship and used by permission during this time.

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

Monday, 11/23 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study on Zoom (we will be discussing Titus and Philemon)

Wednesday, 11/25 - 6:30 p.m. Outdoor Vespers- weather permitting

Thursday, 11/26 - Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Joys and Concerns

Please contact Pastor Stacey with your prayer requests: pastor@salemunited.org or (410) 627-1944 (text/call). If you would like your requests included during worship, please contact her prior to 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Poinsettia Orders Due Today

The order form for Christmas Poinsettias was in our November newsletter and this week’s update email. Please remember that the deadline to order is TODAY. If you have questions or forgot to send your order, please contact Susan Walker @ 410-459-2750 or susanwalker0604@comcast.net.