

Salem United Methodist Church

Harvest Sunday - November 24, 2024

GATHERING MUSIC Handbell Choir directed by Karen Fisher

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." We offer our worship and praise to God with thanksgiving and gratitude!

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **O God, you are the source of life and the giver of all that makes life good. We offer our thanks and praise to you. We confess that we have often taken your gifts for granted, and we fail to live our thankfulness. Remind us of your steadfast love and unending mercy. Teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life. Accept our thanksgiving and increase our joy in praising you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC "We Gather Together" #131

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Harvest Sunday Offering

HANDBELL SPECIAL MUSIC "Simple Gifts"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Deuteronomy 26:1-11(NRSV)

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

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE "Gratitude's Harvest"

*DOXOLOGY "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

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Give thanks. Give thanks!

*PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (in unison): **Gracious God, we offer ourselves with our gifts in thanksgiving for all your blessings. We make this offering with grateful and thankful hearts. May our gifts be multiplied in their impact for your honor and glory. In the name and spirit of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #694

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Irish Blessing

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.

*POSTLUDE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Live stream notice: We are blessed to be able to live stream and record our 10:45 a.m. worship service. Anyone in the sanctuary during that time may appear on camera as part of the service and consents to filming. Our camera is directed at the front of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Stacey.

Welcome to Salem United Methodist Church! Thank you for joining us today in worship.

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Ellie Brown, Liturgist Larry Tackenberg, Tech Team Producer
Mark Hurley, Musician Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@salemunited.org)

Choir Rehearsal begins at 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Junior Church begins after the Children's Message.

Today – Shrimp Soup pickup (Hall; 15 minutes after each service)

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

All week – no aerobics

Monday, 11/25 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Upcoming (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Wednesday, 12/4 7:00 p.m. Church Council

Saturday, 12/7 6:30 a.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Saturday, 12/7 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Breakfast with Santa (Hall)

Sunday, 12/8 6:30 a.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Sunday, 12/8 1:30 p.m. – Service of Healing and Hope (Chapel)

Tuesday, 12/24 7:00 p.m. – Family Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, 12/24 11:00 p.m. – Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

Christmas Families: Salem will be supporting Magnolia Elementary School this year by providing 50 gifts to be distributed to the families of children at the school. Please consider making a monetary donation to be used toward purchasing the gifts. Donations should be marked "Christmas Families." Envelopes are available in the narthex. Contact Cindy Carter with any questions.



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UPPER FALLS, MD

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