

Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063

Established 1873

May 23, 2021



May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday A Service of Word

The color red is used to denote the presence of the Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 104 (Response)*
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE DECLARATION & THE OPENING PRAYER

And in the last days it shall come to pass, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

And your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old shall dream dreams, and your young shall see visions.

When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all gathered together in one place.

And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

O God, you sent the Holy Spirit to enkindle the zeal of Christ's followers waiting in Jerusalem for his promised gift.

Pour the same inspiration on your people assembled in this place, and on the Church of Christ throughout the world.

O God of wind, word, and fire, we bless your name this day for sending the light and strength of your Holy Spirit.

We give you thanks for all the gifts, great and small, that you have poured out upon your children. Amen and amen.

*HYMN 384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS, 33

*Charles Bradley Cole
Michael Thomas Smith
Madison Reese Strait
Henry Mason Vyskocil*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* Johnny Layton

EPISTLE READING Acts 2:1–4

*GOSPEL READING John 15:26–27 & 16:4b–11

PROCLAMATION
"Sin and Righteousness and Judgement"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 2223 TFWS
They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE AND DEPARTING

**Indicates that the Congregation stands. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue with your participation.*

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If you have a prayer request, please fill out the blue prayer card and place in the offering plate.

A Note of Thanks

Our altar paraments (*fabric adornment on the altar, pulpit and music lectern*) are an important decorative feature of our sanctuary. Today, we utilize the red for Pentecost and next Sunday we will switch to green which represents the earthly ministry of the church. A special thanks to Jan Prosser who modified our existing red paraments and made them more visible and pleasing to the eye. We would additionally like to express our appreciation to Bill Sills, Ted Hornsby, Jim and Marie Lewis as well as the worship committee for their contributions toward a new set of custom made green paraments which we are eager to display next week!

Announcement:

The 10:30 Sanctuary service has begun to "re-normalize". What that means is that over the next several weeks we will reintroduce elements to our service. Over time we will re-introduce more hymns and congregational call and response elements. The first Sunday of June we will include the availability of receiving communion at the altar railing for those who desire to do so. Some elements will not return until the fall and are dependent on conditions at that time.

May 23, 2021
Pentecost Sunday
8:30 Worship
A Service of Word

Prelude

Choral Call to Worship Psalm 104 (Response)
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation.

Welcome / Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Song 1** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

***Song 2** *Gather Us In*

1. Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away, see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day. Gather us in the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away, but here in this place the new light is shining, now is the kingdom, now is the day. Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and make us your own; gather us in all peoples together, fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

***Song 3** *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

1. As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, So the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, We join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

2. We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle, loving actions, we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening Spirit, we would live to God's delight.

Epistle Reading Acts 2:1-4 & 16-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

This is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

*Gospel Reading John 15:26-27 & 16:4b-11

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned."

Proclamation "Sin and Righteousness and Judgement"

***Hymn of Response** *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love*

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; and we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

(Refrain)

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *(Refrain)*

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side; we will work with each other, we will work side by side; and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride. *(Refrain)*

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. *(Refrain)*

*Benediction

*Postlude

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WORDS OF WELCOME

We bid you a warm welcome this morning. We hope you will join us and will tell others about this service. Please also consider joining us for Worship Services at 10:30 A.M.

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of May 16, 2021

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,088.99

Unified budget received \$8,930.00

Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$281,779.80

Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$211,910.22

Attendance

Worship 131 Sunday School 50

On Line Viewing

25

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Lowman Home — Gwen Parnell

Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower,

Joyce Cook, Anita Weed

Harbison Shores — Mary Catherine Bickley Erskine

NHC — John Howard

Rice Estates — Ed Brower

Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore

Homebound — Mavis George, Ray Keith

Special Prayers — Leroy Gibson, Wayne Haltiwanger,

Sandra Hinson, Bobby Lowman, Jessica Mack, Quinton Meetze,

Voncille Meetze, Ashley Milbourne, Maren Milbourne,

Bill Oswald, Judy Price, Molly Kate Shealy, Matt Shores,

Barbara Thomas, Norman Thomas

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Ryan Cole

Charles Cole

Sound Booth: Stephen Page, John Hood

Trustee: Ryan Cole

Nursery: Jeannie Burnside, Tina Overton

Liturgist: Kyle Cook-McCrary

During the interim, the nursery will be available

only during the 10:30 worship hour.

Children's Church will resume in August.

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given by Randy and Natalie Hilliard to the Glory of God and in honor of their children and grandchildren.

Upcoming ESCAPE Dates:
June 6th & June 20th

OASIS

A big thanks goes out to the family of Margie Weed for hosting our Cinco de Mayo meal this past week. Our Oasis group will not meet again until September. We look forward to some fun events planned as we ease back into our routines. If you would like to know more about this group, make plans now to join us for our kickoff event in September. Details forthcoming!

New Study Coming

Beginning **Thursday, May 27** we will offer a new study from **Adam Hamilton** called "**The Walk**". Join us as we look at the five essential practices of the Christian Life. This study will be from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM in the Seekers Sunday School Classroom and go 6 weeks other than the Thursday in June during VBS. The cost of this study is \$10 for the workbook. Please contact Jim Magann at jimmagann@gmail.com by May 20 if you are interested.

Church on the Lake

Woodman of the World will be opening up and allowing Church on the Lake to begin July 4th. At that time, our current outdoor service at the church will transition to the lake. This service will continue to start at 8:30 and last approximately 45 minutes. The address for the lake service is 2000 Johnson Marina Rd, Chapin. We are looking forward to being reunited with everyone at the lake and hope to see you there!

Columbarium Coming to Salem!

As you may know, a small group of individuals have been hard at work over many years to bring the possibility of a columbarium to Salem. We are excited to announce that this project is finally coming to fruition. Our cemetery committee in collaboration with Tony Snelgrove will be managing the installation. While the committee is still working on reservation information and guidelines, you will begin to notice prep work for the install near our existing cemetery. A concrete pad will be poured soon and the unit itself will then follow shortly after. Look for more information in our bulletins and newsletter on details about the individual units, costs, and how to reserve a space. A sincere thanks to this committee and the trustees for the efforts put forth into this project!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Ages 4 through rising 5th graders

JUNE 21-24
5:30-7:30 PM

*5:30-6:00-
Bring your own picnic dinner

Games
Crafts
Songs
Adventures
Bible Lessons

Register at: 

[HTTPS://SALEMUMCSC.MYCOCKESBURYVBS.COM](https://SALEMUMCSC.MYCOCKESBURYVBS.COM)

Join us on our quest for the king's armor at Knights of North Castle!



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Graduation Sunday is June 13

If you have someone graduating from High School, college or other, please contact the church office with the following information: graduate's full name, graduating school and next steps.

Sharing God's Love

Our current needs: pasta dinners, rice dinners, non-sugary cereal, jelly and small bags of grits.
Boxes are located in each Sunday School Room, Church Office lobby and a basket is in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.

Farmer's Market Cancellation

Unfortunately due to a lack of participation from our farm vendors, Salem is no longer offering our parking lot as a host site. We hope that in the future we will be able to offer this opportunity again.



Faith Circle Father's Day Bulletin

The women of Faith Circle are again planning a very special bulletin to honor or remember all those men who are special to us...fathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, friends, etc.

To list the names of special men you would like to remember in our Father's Day bulletin, please fill out the form found on the back of this page, and put it, along with payment of **at least \$1.00 per name**, in an envelope marked "**Father's Day**." Checks should be made payable to "**Faith Circle**." Please be sure to fill out all the information on the form and **print clearly!** Honor those living on the "in honor" of lines, and remember those who are deceased on the "in memory" of lines. We regret that due to space we are unable to print special messages -- **only the names** of those we wish to honor in this special way. We are sure you will want to include all those men who are special to you. Please give to any member of Faith Circle or drop in the offering plate.

Money raised through this bulletin will be used for mission projects of the United Methodist Women as well as mission projects such as the Homeless Outreach Ministry, Salkehatchie, and congregational and community needs.

Deadline is Sunday, June 6, 2021

In honor of _____
By _____

In memory of _____
By _____

Please make checks payable to "Faith Circle."

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, May 23

8:30 A.M. Outside Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Youth Group
5:00 P.M. Escape
5:00 P.M. VBS Meeting
6:00 P.M. Outreach Zoom Meeting

Monday, May 24

6:30 P.M. Missions Meeting

Tuesday, May 25

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 26

7:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting
6:00 P.M. Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 27

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, May 29

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, May 30

8:30 A.M. Outside Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship

E-Giving

Please prayerfully consider giving to Salem United Methodist Church through our e-Giving program. Scan the QR code below to be taken to Salem's donation page to present your offering.



You can also visit the link:

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Giving/ncs-2365>

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Gary Phillips — Pastor

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Stephanie Knott — Pianist

Angie Lain — Business/Finance Manager

Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist

Jim Magann — Youth/Outreach Ministries

Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries

Marie Wicker — Administrative Assistant