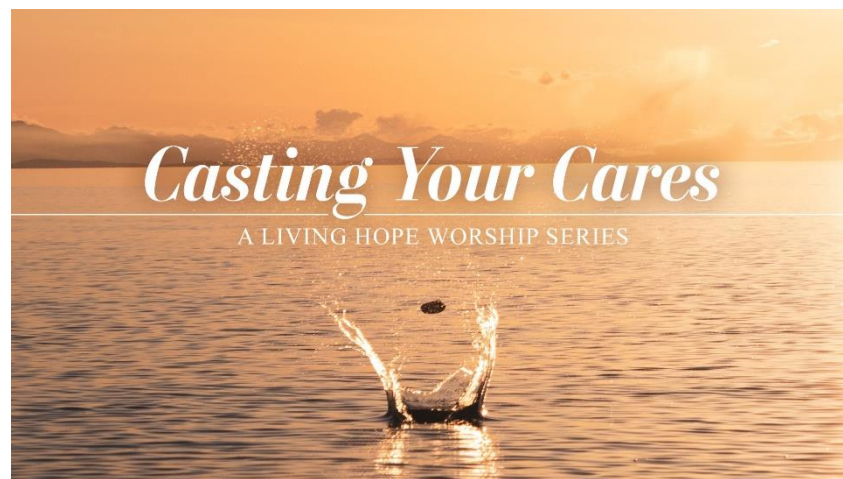


Salem United Methodist Church

1321 Salem Church Road
Irmo, South Carolina 29063
Established 1873



Eastertide Series: *A Living Hope*
Today's Message: *Casting Your Cares*

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*The color white is used today as a joyous and festive
representation of Easter.*

THE GATHERING AND WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE *Hymn to Joy* Salem Ringers

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR and WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

***CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP 328** *Surely the Presence of the Lord*
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His
mighty power and His grace. I can hear the brush of angel's
wings, I see glory on each face. Surely the presence of the Lord
is in this place.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER**
(prayer written by our Confirmand, Clare Anderson)

As the Creator and the Savior and the Holy Spirit are one,
May we all be one.

So that the world may see Christ,
May we all be one.

So that the nations will know the love of God for them,
May we all be one.

As the body of Christ for the sake of the world,
May we all be one.

Let us pray:

Dear God,

**Thank you for letting us be together this Confirmation Sunday,
and help us to learn more about you. Open our eyes and our
hearts so that you may guide us to do what's right. Also, God,
help the people who are scared to speak about what they are
going through. Help them know that they are not alone – for
you are always with us. You have loved me and been with me
since before I was born. Today I pray that I may live out my life
showing the love and goodness that you always show. May we
all walk alongside each other praising your name. Amen.**

***HYMN 2173** *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

A TIME OF PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

ORDER OF CONFIRMATION

Introduction to The Service

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism,
we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated
into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through
water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without
price.

Through confirmation, we renew the covenant declared at our
baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our
commitment to Christ's holy Church.

Presentation of Candidate

Presented for Confirmation: Clare Olivia Anderson

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

Clare, on behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce
the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this
world, and repent of your sin?

Confirmand: I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist
evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present
themselves?

Confirmand: I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust
in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with
the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations,
and races?

Confirmand: I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful
member of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's
representative in the world?

Confirmand: I will.

Congregational Reaffirmation and Response

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your
rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and
include this person now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live
according to the example of Christ. We will surround Clare with
a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her
trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We
will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in
the way that leads to life.**

Confirmation

Clare Olivia Anderson, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

As a member of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?
Confirmand: I will.

As a member of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?
Confirmand: I will.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

*Affirming our Faith

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; on the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY 95

ANTHEM *Steal Away to Jesus*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

*HYMN 402 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

PROCLAMATION Eastertide Series: *A Living Hope*
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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN OF RESPONSE 593 *Here I Am, Lord*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*WE FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*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. **Bold titles indicate congregation participation.*

A Welcome to our Guests!

We are honored that you are worshipping with us. Please complete the "red book" registration to record your presence. Also, please introduce yourself to those around you and visit our Welcome Center. We have a welcome gift for our first-time guests in the welcome center. Please stop by the desk at the close of the worship service. We hope you will return to join us again in Worship!

STEWARDSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

Week of May 14, 2023

Needed each week to fund unified budget \$14,137.77
Unified budget received \$14,056.01
Needed to meet budget year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$282,755.40
Unified budget received year to date (Inclgd. bldg. fund) \$259,048.25

Attendance **On Line Viewing**
Worship 164 Sunday School 64

Epworth's Mother's Day offering
\$1,070

PLEASE PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER:

Brookdale — Mary Skenes
Generations of Irmo — Carolyn Brower, Dot Corley
Harbison Shores — Mary Catherine Bickley Erskine
Lowman Home Rehab — Gwen Parnell, Carol Stewart, Anita Weed
NHC Northeast — Joyce Cook
Rice Estates Assisted Living — Barbara Rolin
Tyborne UCP — Jessica Gore
Special Prayers — Freddie Butler, Bob Davis, Leroy Gibson, Inez Hyatt, Lee McMillan, Bill Rolin, Barbara Thomas, Terry Waites

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Ushers: Lead – Randy Hilliard
 Scott Butler
 Jim Lewis
 Bill Sills
Trustee: Ryan Cole
Sound Booth: Dustin Tanner
Acolyte: Faith Magann
Nursery: PJ Garrett, Maggie Brewton

Flower Ministry

The flowers which grace the Holy Altar today are given to the Glory of God by Fred and Donna Cole and in celebration of their 11th wedding anniversary.

Youth Lunch Fundraiser

The Youth are inviting everyone to join them for **lunch immediately following the 10:30am Worship Service today.** This will be a fundraiser lunch to assist with the cost of the Leadership Conference Trip in July. The lunch will be Spaghetti, Garlic Bread and Salad. There will also be some sweet goodies for dessert. This is a donation only lunch. See everyone then.

Our Christian Sympathy

We would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Miriam Lovett and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Frederick Edward Sojourner.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies if you'd like to get together for fellowship time over lunch, meet us on Monday, **May 22 at 11:30 at Higher Ground.**

Higher Ground is located at 211 Chapin Road, Chapin.

Church on the Lake

Our Church on the Lake service will begin this year on **June 4th and run through September 3rd**. We are thankful to offer this 8:30 am service each Summer in addition to our 10:30 regular worship opportunity. The service will be at the Woodmen of the World location at 2000 Johnson Marina Rd., in Ballentine.

If you would be interested in helping set up and break down each week or want to help in other areas, please contact Phillip Fore at 920-9657.

Consider joining us for this casual alternative worship hour. We look forward to seeing you this Summer!

Time Travelers

VBS June 26 – 29 Ecclesiastes 3:11
Journey through the Timelessness of God

Mark your calendars now to join us for Vacation Bible School 2023. We are going to take a trip every night through a different decade. We have the time machine set to journey through the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Come learn how God transcends time and no matter *when or where* you are, God is there and always teaching us. You may register to be a Volunteer or even register your child to attend at VBSmate.com/Salemtimetravelers

This VBS is sure to be fun for EVERYONE!!!! If you have any questions please contact Jim at jimmagann@gmail.com or PJ at garrett.patriciaj@gmail.com.

Ushers Needed

This is an important ministry in our church and volunteers are needed. Ushers play a vital role in in the life of Salem United Methodist Church by welcoming members and new comers, as well as performing their important part in the worship service. You will enjoy this gratifying ministry experience, usually one to two months each year. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center if you are interested in serving as an usher, or contact the church office at 803-781-1626.



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 Women in Faith as well as mission projects such as the Homeless Outreach Ministry and congregational and community needs.

Deadline is Sunday, June 4

In honor of _____
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THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sunday, May 21

8:00 A.M. UMM Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
11:30 A.M. Youth Lunch Fundraiser
12:30 P.M. Ecuador Mission Trip Meeting
3:30 P.M. Children
4:00 P.M. Youth Parent Meeting
5:00 P.M. Youth

Monday, May 22

11:30 A.M. Ladies' Lunch Bunch @ Higher Ground
7:00 P.M. Missions Meeting

Tuesday, May 23

11:00 A.M. Shred 360 Event
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 24

7:00 A.M. AA Meeting
7:00 P.M. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 25

7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Saturday, May 27

10:00 A.M. Nurses Honor Guard
7:00 P.M. AA Meeting

Sunday, May 28

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

Sharing God's Love

Urgent Pantry Needs: Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Pasta Dinners, Rice Dinners, Lunch Combos (SpaghettiOs, Ravioli, etc.), Chili, Pork & Beans, Canned Beans, Dry Beans, Crackers (Ritz or Saltines), Snacks, Powdered Milk, Macaroni & Cheese, Jello, Elbow/ Shells/ Penne Pasta, Tomato Sauce/ Tomato Paste, Canned Tomatoes, Chef Boyardee Lunches, Beanie Weenies, Chicken & Dumplings, Stew, Instant Potatoes, Instant Grits, Canned Fruit, Coffee, Tea and Fruit Drinks.

Household Items: New Underwear and Socks for Adults Full, Queen and King Sheets Bed Linens and Comforters, Blankets - All Sizes, Towels, Pots, Pans, Plates, Glasses, Cookware, Bakeware, Kitchen Linens, Small Appliances.

School's almost out! Summer Food Drives will be needed to feed kids home for the summer! Clean out your closets: We will need gently used children's clothes, shoes and backpacks.

Drop off containers are located in each Sunday School Room, Church Office lobby and in the hallway next to the Fellowship Hall entrance.

93 items were delivered to Sharing God's Love on April 18th.

FREE Paper Shredding!

Please join us for a “Free Paper Shredding Event” hosted by **Shred360** to benefit Operation Enduring Warrior on **Tuesday, May 23** from 11:00am-1:00pm at the Salem United Methodist Church parking lot. They will accept monetary donations for **Operation Enduring Warrior**, a 501c charity organization that helps our service members transition from military to civilian life. As a veteran owned company, this is extremely important to **Shred360** so all donations are GREATLY appreciated! *In an effort to shred your sensitive documents in a timely manner, attendees are limited to (3) three boxes (copy paper box or smaller) or three bags (kitchen trash bag or smaller) per vehicle.* There is no need to remove binders, binder clips, paper clips, staples, rubber bands, or CDs/DVDs prior to shredding.

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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*In case of an emergency,
call 864-985-2456 or 803-422-9400*



OUR MINISTRY TEAM

Jeff Childress — Pastor

William Byrd — Pianist

P. J. Garrett — Director of Children’s Ministries

Sarah E. High — Director of Music

Angie Lain — Business/Finance Manager

Miriam Y. Lovett — Organist

Jim Magann — Coordinator of Children/Youth Ministries

Tina Overton — Director of Creative Ministries

Dustin Tanner — Audio/Visual/Communications Director

Marie Wicker — Administrative Assistant