

# SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.”*

I AM A  
CHILD  
OF  
GOD

**April 14, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

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# SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*\*All are invited to stand in body or spirit.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*With High Delight Let Us Unite*

Brenda Portman

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Peace be with you

**All: And also with you.**

One: Come and see the love God has given to us.

**All: Come and see what it means to be children of God.**

One: Come with this hope, that Christ's presence is real.

**All: With joy, we come to see the Lord.**

UNISON PRAYER

**Miraculous God, come to us now, even as your Son came to those first disciples on the shores of Galilee. Speak your peace to our hearts. Touch us with your Holy Spirit. Reveal your word, that we may hear your message this day, and live as your disciples in the days and years to come. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

*— Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*

\*OPENING HYMN

*Because You Live, O Christ*

NCH#231

FIRST READING

Psalm 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

FAMILY MOMENT

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

MESSAGE

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Jesus the Very Thought to Me*

NCH#507

OFFERING MEDITATION

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Franklin D. Ashdown

\*DOXOLOGY

NCH#780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that Love has done,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Great is Your Faithfulness*

NCH#423

\*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Thine Is the Glory*

Charles Callahan

*TODAY WE THANK GERALD JOHNSON FOR SHARING HIS MUSICAL GIFTS*

**THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

Tuesday

Zoom Bible Study 10:00 am

Zoom Fellowship – 7 PM

Wednesday at the church

Coffee and Conversation – 9 AM

Finance and Property – 10:30 AM

Community Meal – 6 PM



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# Salem's History

“Rev. A. J. H. Bierbaum”

Salem's preacher on July 13th, 1884, was Revered Andress Johannas Heinrich Bierbaum. Born on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1852, at St. Charles, Missouri he entered central Wesleyan college at Warrenton Missouri in 1867 and was ordained in 1874 over the next decade he served churches in Minnesota Wisconsin and Missouri

In 1884 he was called to mission work in Denver, and it was he who founded the tiny German congregation that was to become Salem. An interestingly serious throat ailment prevented him from engaging in a full-time ministry at Salem, though he was to serve in an interim capacity 1886-87 and was responsible for the building of the Parsonage behind “Old Salem.”

In 1887 he returned to Illinois and until his retirement in 1910, served churches throughout the Midwest when his health would allow it. He was an energetic, restless preacher deeply frustrated by the nature of his illness. He served 10 churches in his 36 years of ministry. After a long illness and much suffering, he died on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1914. The text of his eulogy was Hebrews 11:4 “he died but through his faith he is still speaking.”

He was survived by a remarkable family. He and his wife Ernestine had eleven children, four who died in childhood. Of the surviving seven children, the five below is all became German Evangelical pastors and the two girls married pastors. His family was clearly inspired by his life and faith- a testament to the spirit and adores of the man who gave our church its voice of Christian ministry, that, through its faith, is still speaking.