

# **SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER**

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



**May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Trinity Sunday**

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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

Angie Schmitt

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Thirteen Folds*

Video

UNISON PRAYER

**Almighty God, in whose hands are the living and the dead:  
We give You thanks for all Your servants who have laid down  
their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them Your  
mercy and the eternal light of Your presence; and give each  
of us such a lively sense of Your righteous purpose that the  
work You have begun in them may be completed in us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.** - U.S. Armed Forces Prayer Book.

\*OPENING HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

NCH#25

vs 1-4

FIRST READING

Ephesians 6:13-18

FAMILY MOMENT

HYMN                      *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder*                      NCH#500

MESSAGE

OFFERING MEDITATION                      Angie Schmitt

\*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**

VIDEO                      *The Fallen*

HYMN OF RESPONSE                      *Be Still My Soul*                      NCH#488

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER                      U.S. Armed Forces Prayer Book

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN                      *God Bless America*                      Insert

## \*BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

*Taps*

Angie Schmitt



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### CHURCH STAFF:

Designated Interim Minister: Dustin Adkins • Administrative Assistant: Lisa Thomas



## **THIS WEEK AT SALEM**

Pastor Dustin is away this weekend celebrating his mother's birthday. Members of Salem's Worship/CE Committee are leading worship this morning.

**Tuesday** – join us at zoom for Bible Study, 10 AM. Word of the day is ...*Remember*... the celebration of Memorial Day, activities that help us to remember our ancestors, those who fought, those who died fighting in wars, for friends and family, remember!

**Wednesday**- at the church – Conversational Coffee Club 9:00 AM, Finance and Property meeting at 10:30 AM, Community Meal, 6:00 PM.

### **Announcements:**

The deadline to submit articles for the June newsletter is June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**PBS National Memorial Day Concert - TONIGHT at 7:00 pm MST** (and repeated at 8:30 pm) on Channel 6/PBS - Live from the U.S. Capitol, America's national night of remembrance takes us back to the real meaning of this holiday through personal stories and tributes along with musical performances.

**Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3pm**, - Hilltop UCC, Parker CO, there will be a solo piano concert by Chappell Kingsland, "Sgt. Pepper and the Magical Mystery Piano." Chappell will be playing his own unique arrangements of this classic Beatles album. More information about the concert and tickets are available at [ck4piano.com](http://ck4piano.com).

# Salems History

## “Stability”

The arrival of Pastor Schmidt in 1894 ushered in a long era of stability in Salem's history. For the next 27 years “Old Salem” would root itself in the center of a rapidly growing, rapidly changing Denver, one place, one pastor, one people.

Worship services were, of course, conducted in German. (The first English language service was conducted on Maundy Thursday, 1911). The Reformation heritage of vigorous, enthusiastic hymn singing was maintained, and the church choir assumed its rightful place as one of Salem's most talented and treasured groups. The custom of seating men on one side of the sanctuary and women on the other would be received at Salem today as a mystery. At “Old Salem” it was practiced well into the 20th century.

Holy Communion was served regularly on Maundy Thursday, Easter Sunday, Confirmation Sunday, Pentecost, Reformation Sunday, and Christmas. Individuals would sign up on Saturday if they wished to take communion. A small donation was required of communicants, presumably to help defray the cost of the communion elements. Only people who had signed up on Saturday would be served communion on Sunday.

One anecdote from these years gives a glimpse of the protocol and propriety that infused worship at “Old Salem.” It seems that on one confirmation Sunday quite a row occurred when the class stepped forward to receive communion. Returning to their seats, they were met by a fuming, red-faced elder. In their excitement and naivete, the class had risen and taken communion “before the men of the church.” Ears are still burning today at Salem from the indignant tongue lashing the sheepish class received at the hands of this righteous Elder - scion of tradition and keeper of decorum.

## GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, land that I love,

Stand beside her and guide her

Through the night with a light from above;

From the mountains, to the prairies,

To the oceans white with foam,

God bless America, my home, sweet home.

God bless America, my home, sweet home!

God bless America, land of the brave,

Come, protect her and save her,

From the threats to our life, Lord we pray:

For our families, for our workers,

For our soldiers far from home.

God bless America, our home, sweet home.

God bless America, our home, sweet home!

God bless America, land of the free,

Lead and heal her, and call her,

To be a light for all humanity.

From our farmlands, from our cities,

From all places we call home,

God bless America, our home, sweet home.

God bless America, our home, sweet home!

1Peter 4:11 - "Serve with the strength that God supplies."

The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.

~Franklin D. Roosevelt~

Judges 8:21 - "As the person is, so is their strength."

Grief is like the ocean; it comes on waves ebbing and flowing.

~Vicki Harrison~

Isaiah 35:3 - "Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees."

It is easier to contend with evil at first than at last.

~Anonymous ~

Psalms 23:4 - Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me."

While under all circumstances we must never desert ourselves.

~Louisa Adams~

Psalms 46:1 - "God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in time  
of trouble."

Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to  
forgive.

~C.S. Lewis~

Galatians 5:1 - "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore,  
and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery."

There is no such thing as a little freedom. Either you are free, or you are not free.

~Walter Cronkite~

John 15:13 - "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Psalm 27:14 "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage."

Psalm 103:6 "The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed."

Isaiah 35:4 "Say to those who are of a fearful, 'Be strong, do not fear!'"

Isaiah 30:15 "As the person is, so is their strength."

Courage is the most important of the virtues, because without it, no other virtue can be practiced consistently. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous, or honest.

~Maya Angelou~

To survive trauma, one must be able to tell a story about it.

~Natasha Trethewey~

A HERO is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.

~Christopher Reeves~

What we once enjoyed and deeply loved we can never lose, for all that we love deeply becomes part of us.

~Helen Keller~