

# SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

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**May 16, 2021**

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May 16, 2021 • Seventh Sunday after Easter

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PRELUDE

Chappell Kingsland, Piano

SONGS FOR THE PIANO: "LARGHETTO"; "ALLEGRETTO GRAZIOSO"

Fanny Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Russ Kirby

RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Hansen

One: In our sanctuary, on Zoom, and around the world,

**Many: So many people, each one unique!**

One: Here today and down through history,

**Many: And throughout our Bible, too...**

One: All with different personalities,

**Many: And all are God's Children.**

One: We celebrate each one in Christ's name.

**All: Praise be to God!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*In the Bulb There Is a Flower*

*NCH #433*

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;**

**in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!**

**In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,**

**unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;**

**there's a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.**

**From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,**

**unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;**

**in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.**

**In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,**

**unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

UNISON PRAYER

Amy Hansen

**Creator of us all, we thank you for your love. You call each of us into your story, whether our roll is big or small. Help us to be your people. Encourage us to play our part. Bring us together in love. Amen.**

THE CHILD IN ALL OF US (A message for the young and young at heart)

Rev. Kirby

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Sanctuary*

*Thompson and Scruggs*

**Lord prepare me To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary For you. (Repeat)**

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SCRIPTURE READING

*Jeremiah 20:13-18*

Amy Hansen

- 13 Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.**
- 14 Cursed be the day  
on which I was born!  
The day when my mother bore me,  
let it not be blessed!**
- 15 Cursed be the man  
who brought the news to my father, saying,  
“A child is born to you, a son,”  
making him very glad.**
- 16 Let that man be like the cities  
that the Lord overthrew without pity;  
let him hear a cry in the morning  
and an alarm at noon,**
- 17 because he did not kill me in the womb;  
so my mother would have been my grave,  
and her womb forever great.**
- 18 Why did I come forth from the womb  
to see toil and sorrow,  
and spend my days in shame?**

THE MESSAGE

“What a Character! Jeremiah”

Rev. Kirby

INVITATION & OFFERTORY

Chappell Kingsland, Organ

"Flow, My Tears"

John Dowland

\*DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kirby

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Hymnal #769

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

*When Peace, Like a River*

*NCH #438*

**When peace, like a river, upholds me each day, when  
sorrows like sea billows roll, Whatever my lot, you have  
taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul,”**

*Refrain*

**It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come, let  
this blessed assurance control, That Christ has regarded my  
helpless estate, and has paid life and blood for my soul:**

*Refrain*

**My sin- oh, the bliss of this glorious thought- my  
sin- not in part, but the whole- Is nailed to the cross and I  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!**  
*Refrain*

**O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when  
clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trumpet shall sound and the  
Lord shall appear, “even so” – it is well with my soul.**  
*Refrain*

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Kirby

Leader: May the Peace of God go with you.  
**People: And also with you. Amen.**

\*SENDING FORTH

*Halleluja*

*NCH #236*

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!  
Halleluja, hallelujah!**

Postlude

Chappell Kingsland, Piano

In the Bulb There Is a Flower (reprise)  
Natalie Sleeth



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# WELCOME TO SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

Whether you are a guest or a member, thank you for worshipping with us.

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## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun. **9:30 am Worship**

Mon. 7:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tues. **10:00 am Bible Study**

7:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wed. **6:00 pm Virtual Community  
Social**

Thurs. (27<sup>th</sup>) 7:00 pm Coin Club

Fri. 9:30 am Art Class

(21<sup>st</sup>) 7:00 pm Wild Beautiful Concert

Sun. **9:30 am Worship**



## SALEM CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours:

Monday 3-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-6pm

Friday: 10am-6pm

Pastor Russ will be in Monday-Wednesday.



## MISSIONS

The mission for March is one of UCC's 5  
for 5- Strengthen the Church.

