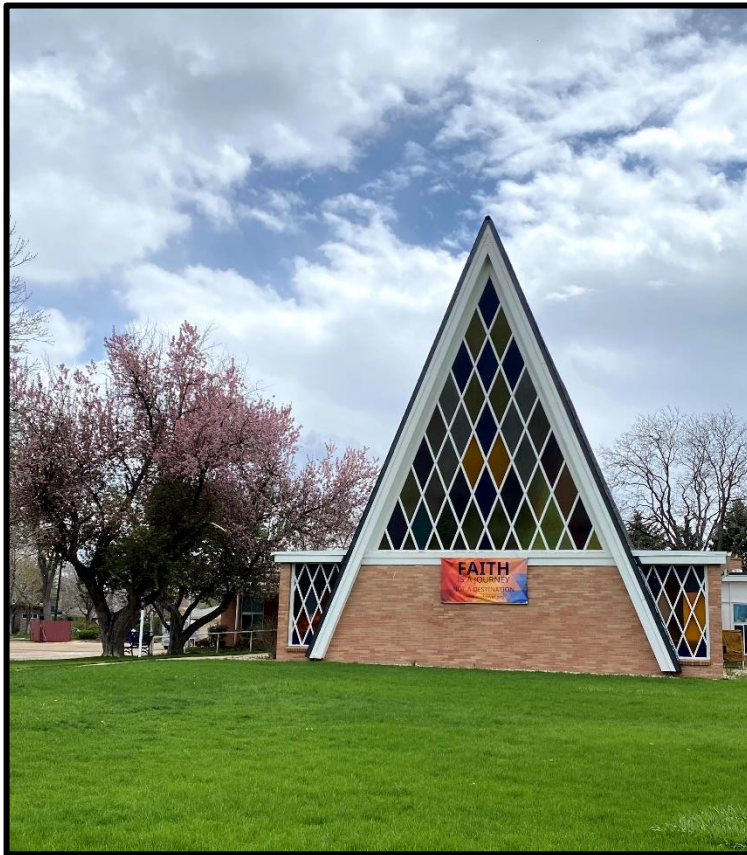


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**May 30, 2021**

**First Sunday after Pentecost**

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PRELUDE

Chappell Kingsland, Piano

America the Beautiful  
Katherine Lee Bates/Samuel A. Ward

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Russ Kirby

RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Heather Side

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: Our military members whose sacrifice we memorialize this day,

**Many: All are God’s Children.**

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

**All: Praise be to God!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

*NCH #281*

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;  
Kindle a flame of sacred love in these cold hearts of ours.**

**In vain we tune our formal songs, in vain we strive to rise;  
Hosannas languish on our tongues, and our devotion dies.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all your quickening powers;  
Come, shed on us the Savior’s love, that it may kindle ours.**

CHILDREN’S TIME

Rev. Kirby

UNISON PRAYER

Heather Side

**God of the living, and God of life eternal, we come to you this Memorial Day.  
We lift up those who have died in the name of our country: in wars, in police  
actions, in other service here and abroad. Some of their names we know;  
others are known only to you. We lift all of them to you in this time. Have  
mercy, O God, have mercy. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

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

John 11:17-27

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<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

NRSV

THE MESSAGE

"What a Character!"  
Martha

Rev. Kirby

INVITATION & OFFERTORY

"Fanfare for the Common Man"  
Aaron Copland

Chappell Kingsland, Organ

\*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

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

NCH #593

**Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of liberty; Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died; Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our people sighed? We have come over a way that with tears has been watered, We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered, Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**God of weary years, God of our silent tears, God who has brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your might, led us in to the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the**

**places, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, forget you; Shadowed be-neath your hand, may we forever stand, true to our God, true to our native land.**

\*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

"Joy Spring" (Reprise)

Clifford Brown

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



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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 Council Meeting

Wed. 11:30am Vernita Carroll Funeral

2:30 Vernita Carroll Interment

**6:00 pm Virtual Community Social**

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 May is one of UCC's 5 for 5- Strengthen the Church.  
Make checks out to Salem UCC and write " May Missions" in the memo line

