

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER
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you are welcome here.”*



July 18, 2021

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Russ Kirby

RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pat Freiburghaus

One: Author of us all,

Many: We come to hear the stories of your people.

One: So many now and down through history,

Many: And throughout our Bible, too...

One: All have different faith journeys,

Many: And all are God's Children.

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

All: Praise be to God!

*OPENING HYMN

Pharaoh, Pharaoh

Unknown

Chorus:

Pharaoh, Pharaoh! Whoa, baby let my people go!

Huh! Ha! Yeah, yeah, yeah yeah!

Pharaoh, Pharaoh! Whoa, baby let my people go!

Huh! Ha! Yeah, yeah, yeah yeah!

Well a burning bush told me just the other day

That I should come over here and stay

Gotta get my people outta Pharaoh's hand

And lead them all to the Promised Land

(Chorus)

Well-a me and God's people goin' to the Red Sea

Pharaoh's army comin' after me

I raised my rod, stuck in it the sand

And all of God's people walked across dry land

(Chorus)

**Pharaoh's army was a-comin' too
So what do ya think that I did do?
I raised my rod and I cleared my throat
And all of Pharaoh's army did the dead man's float**
(Chorus)

UNISON PRAYER

Pat Freiburghaus

Loving One, we come to you as we are, where we are. Some of us don't have much, whether money, or faith, or joy or hope... Yet you love us regardless of what we have. You wrap us in your strong arms and we find we have it all in you. Thank you, O God. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Kirby

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Ancient Words

Lynn DeShazo

**Ancient words ever true
Changing me, and changing you
We have come with open hearts
Oh let the ancient words impart. (Repeat)**

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SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 1:15-20

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¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong.
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THE MESSAGE

"What A Character!"
Courageous Shiphrah and Puah

Rev. Kirby

INVITATION & OFFERTORY

*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

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

John Newton/
Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed**

Chorus:

**My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love, Amazing grace**

**The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures
(Chorus)**

**The Earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine
(Chorus)**

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*BENEDICTION

Rev. Kirby

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

*SENDING FORTH

God Be with You

NCH #81

**God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

**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.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Sun. **9:30 am Worship**
3:00pm UCC General Synod (everyday through Saturday)

Mon. 6:00 PM Boy Scouts

Tues. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music Classes - Lawn
10:00 am Bible Study on Zoom

Wed. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music Classes - Lawn
6:00 pm Virtual Community Social

Thurs. 3:00pm UCC General Synod

Fri. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music Classes - Lawn
9:30 am Art Class – Community room

Sat. 3:00pm UCC General Synod

Sun. **9:30 am Worship**



SALEM CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours:

Monday 3-6pm

Tuesday: 10am-6pm

Pastor Russ will be in Monday-Wednesday.



MISSIONS

The mission for July is Filter of Hope. Filter of hope is an organization that takes life-saving water filters to villages that do not have clean water.

