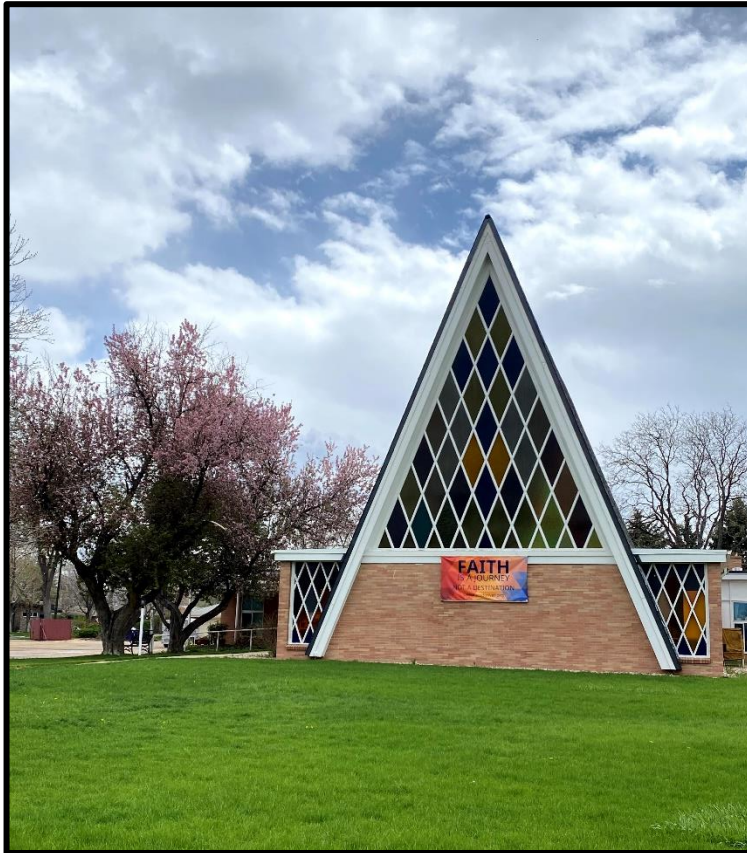


# SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

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**September 26, 2021**

**Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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—Please see Pandemic Guidelines at the back of this bulletin—

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

PRELUDE “Variations in E-flat Major” Chappell Kingsland, Piano  
By Ludwig van Beethoven

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE Rev. Russ Kirby

RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Pat Freiburghaus

One: Open our eyes, that we may see

**Many: You are our God of Vision**

One: Visions of truth you have for us

**Many: You are our God of Vision**

One: Open our eyes, illumine us

**All: You are our Spirit divine!**

Adapted from “Open My Eyes that I May See,”  
Hymns for the Family of God, #486

\*OPENING HYMN *Open My Eyes That I May See* HFFG #486

**Open my eyes, that I may see Glimpses of truth you have for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key That shall unlock and set me free.**

*Refrain:*

**Silently now I wait for You, ready, my God, Your will to do.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear Voices of truth so sharp and clear;  
And while the message sounds in my ear, everything else will disappear.**

*Refrain 2:*

**Silently now I wait for You, ready, my God, Your will to do.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, let me declare Words of assurance everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare Your loving kindnesses to share.**

*Refrain 3:*

**Silently now I wait for You, ready, my God, Your will to do.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

UNISON PRAYER

Pat Freiburghaus

**Creator God, you call us into endeavors which we cannot yet imagine. You call us to build: build relationships, build community, and build your church in the world. Open our hearts to your calling; prepare our minds for the journey, and embolden our souls as we step out onto your waters of faith. Amen.**

THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Create In Me a Clean Heart*

Anonymous

**Create in me a clean heart,  
Oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Create in me a clean heart,  
Oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from thy  
presence, Oh Lord,  
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of thy  
salvation.  
And renew a right spirit within me.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90:1-6, 12-17

Pat Freiburghaus

- <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations
- <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- <sup>3</sup> You turn us back to dust,  
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."
- <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight  
are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.
- <sup>5</sup> You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
- <sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed  
in the evening it fades and withers.
- <sup>12</sup> So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.
- <sup>13</sup> Turn, O LORD! How long?  
Have compassion on your servants!
- <sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
- <sup>15</sup> Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us,

and as many years as we have seen evil.  
<sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children  
<sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

THE MESSAGE

“Counting Days”

Rev. Russ Kirby

INVITATION & OFFERTORY

“Awaken”  
By Yes

Chappell Kingsland, Piano

\*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

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

*Breathe On Me, Breath of God*

NCH #292

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew  
That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

NCH #25

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of your throne  
your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood  
or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting you are God,  
to endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in your sight  
are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
fades at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
Still be our God while troubles last,  
and our eternal home!**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Leader:** May the Peace of God go with you.

**People:** And also with you. Amen.

**\*SENDING FORTH**    *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds—CLOSING EDIT*

NCH #393

**Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
Yes, we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

POSTLUDE

"Awaken" (Reprise)"  
By Yes

Chappell Kingsland, Piano



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### **PANDEMIC GUIDELINES:**

- Mask-wearing is strongly encouraged, especially when kids under 12 are present.
- If you wish to sing in worship, please wear a mask.
- Only one person in the bathroom at a time.
- Please wash or sanitize your hands frequently.
- Please respect that others' boundaries may be different from yours.

*Salem UCC Denver COVID Task Force*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Choir rehearses on the following Wednesdays at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary: Sept. 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 27. All are invited to join us. *No experience necessary!*
- Church Workday Saturday, Oct. 9, 9 am -1 pm. Come one come all! Bring your tools and willingness to work. Pizza lunch will be served.
- Community Meals will begin on Wednesday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.



# 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

- Mon. 7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Tues. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music  
**10:00 am Bible Study - Zoom**
- Wed. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music  
**7:00 pm Choir Practice**
- Thurs. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music  
7:00 pm Coin Club
- Fri. 9:30 am Art Class
- Sun. **9:30 am Worship**



## SALEM CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday 7 am -10 am

Pastor Russ will be in Monday-Wednesday.



## SEPTEMBER MISSION

Fish Food Bank

