

# SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

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**October 3, 2021**

**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday  
Salem UCC Rally Day**

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

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

PRELUDE

“Maria, Maria”  
By Milton Nascimento

Chappell Kingsland, Piano

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Russ Kirby

RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Heidi, Norah and Ruby Wilderman

One: As grain is gathered from the fields to make bread,

**Many: We gather from near and far to share in this day.**

One: We share Holy Communion with churches of the world,

**Many: And rejoice in the beautiful spirit of Salem!**

One: O God, we welcome you into our worship today.

**All: We worship and praise your holy name!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Creator God, Creating Still*

NCH #278

**Creator God, creating still,  
by will and word and deed,  
create a new humanity  
to meet the present need.**

**Redeemer God, redeeming still,  
with overflowing grace,  
pour out your love on us, through us,  
make this a holy place.**

**Sustainer God, sustaining still,  
with strength for every day,  
empower us now to do your will.  
Correct us when we stray.**

**Great Triune, God for this new day  
we need your presence still.  
Create, redeem, sustain us now  
to do your work and will.**

UNISON PRAYER

Heidi, Norah and Ruby Wilderman

**Creator God, you call us into endeavors which we cannot yet imagine. You call us to tear down walls, and 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.**

ANTHEM

*I See You*

Jonas Myrin/Chris Tomlin/

Salem Choir, Chappell Kingsland Directing

Bryan Fowler

THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children's Message

Beth Hansen and Rev. Chuck Wright

*Christ has broken down the dividing wall between us (Ephesians 2:14)*

Dedication of Special Christian Education Offering

Anthem

*Turn the World Around*

Harry Belafonte/

Salem Choir, Chappell Kingsland Directing

Bob Freedman

HOLY COMMUNION

*World Communion Sunday*

Rev. Russ Kirby

*All—children, members, and non-members—are welcome to Christ's table.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Create In Me a Clean Heart*

Anonymous (Psalm 51)

*[Children are invited to gather at the back of the sanctuary for Sunday School. Teachers will take them to the classroom during this hymn.]*

**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

Ephesians 2:4-5, 10-22

Heidi, Norah  
and Ruby Wilderman

<sup>4</sup>...God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved...

<sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

<sup>11</sup> So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup> He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

<sup>17</sup> So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup> for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

THE MESSAGE

“A New Page”

Rev. Russ Kirby

INVITATION & OFFERTORY

“Beautiful Evening”  
By trad. Chinese

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

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

NCH #76

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive hearts reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's realm and to answer the call.**

**With praise and Thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

\*BENEDICTION

Leader: May the Peace of God go with you.

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

\*SENDING FORTH

*Hallelujah!*

NCH #236

**Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!  
Halle, halle, halle, lu-u-jah!  
Halleluja, hallelujah!  
(Repeat)**

POSTLUDE

"Maria, Maria" (Reprise)  
By Milton Nascimento

Chappell Kingsland, Piano



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Lisa Thomas, Administrative Assistant

### **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:**

- Bible Study is held on Zoom -Tuesdays at 10 am, please join us!  
Meditate, pray and ponder for 3 minutes at noon each day this week on the word of the day.... AUTUMN.
- Church Workday this Saturday, Oct. 9, from 9 am -1 pm.- Pizza lunch provided.
- Community Meal – Wednesday evening Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>.and 27<sup>th</sup>.at 6:00 pm.
- Choir rehearses Oct. 13, Oct. 27. All are invited. *No experience necessary!*
- Pizza and Pumpkin carving on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30 pm.
- All Hallows Eve Worship, 9:30 am, Handbell Choir will be performing during worship service – come in costume!

# 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  
**7:00 pm Christian Education Team - Zoom**
- Tues. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music  
**10:00 am Bible Study – Zoom**  
**1:00 pm Worship Team – In-person**  
7:00 pm Cub Scouts
- Wed. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music  
**9:00 am Romeo Coffee Club**  
9:30 am Art Class
- Thurs. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music
- Fri. 9:30 am Art Class
- Sat. **9:00 am Church Workday**
- Sun. **9:30 am Worship**



## SALEM CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 7 am – 9 am

Saturday 9 am- 1 pm

Pastor Russ will be in Monday-Wednesday.



## OCTOBER MISSION

Neighbors in Need

