

# **SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER**

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you are welcome here.”*



**October 10, 2021**

**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost**

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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

"Verge of a Miracle"

By Rich Mullins

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Russ Kirby

RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Krissy Berry

One: In a culture that tells us to "cancel" those against us,

**Many: God calls us into love and forgiveness.**

One: While we feel we need to circle up the wagons,

**Many: God invites us to open up our hearts.**

One: When others gloat over what they have grabbed,

**Many: God reminds us to give thanks for all that is.**

One: O God who calls, invites and reminds,

**All: We lift up your holy name!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*"You're Worthy of My Praise"*

David Ruis

*(Chorus:)*

**And I will give you all my worship**

**I will give you all my praise**

**You alone I long to worship**

**You alone are worthy of my praise**

**I will worship (I will worship)**

**With all of my heart (With all of my heart)**

**I will praise you (I will praise you)**

**With all of my strength (With all my strength)**

**I will seek you (I will seek you)**

**For all of my days (For all of my days)**

**And I will follow (I will follow)**

**Follow all of your ways (Follow all of your ways)**

*(Chorus)*

**I will bow down (I will bow down)  
And hail you as king (and Hail You as king)  
And I will serve You (And I will serve you)  
I'll give you everything (I'll give you everything)  
And I will lift up (And I will lift up)  
My eyes to your throne (My eyes to your throne)  
Oh, and I will trust you (And I will trust you)  
I will trust you alone (I'll trust you alone)**

*(Chorus)*

UNISON PRAYER

Krissy Berry

**We are here, O God, but we are torn. The world has ripped at our souls with broken relationships, political chaos, a never-ending pandemic, everyday stress and more. Our parched souls cry out to you. Fill us with your Spirit, and remind us that you—and only you—are God. Amen.**

THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Children's Message

Rev. Russ Kirby

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

Genesis 37:1-4, 23-24

Krissy Berry

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan.<sup>2</sup>This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father.<sup>3</sup>Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.<sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.<sup>23</sup>So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore;<sup>24</sup>and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

THE MESSAGE

“Getting Ripped - Intro”

Rev. Russ Kirby

INVITATION & OFFERTORY *“We are Not as Strong as We Think We are”*

Rich Mullins

\*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

*Amazing Grace*

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 am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**

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 reigns  
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)*

\*BENEDICTION

Leader: May the Peace of God go with you.

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

\*SENDING FORTH

*Hallelujah!*

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

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

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

**Halleluja, hallelujah!**

*(Repeat)*

POSTLUDE

"Verge of a Miracle (reprise)

Rich Mullins



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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:**

- 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.... HARVEST
- Bell Choir rehearses this Wed. Oct. 13, and Oct. 27. All are invited.  
*No experience necessary!*
- Please join us for Pizza and Pumpkin carving on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30 pm.
- Come in Costume to the All Hallows Eve Worship, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am, the Handbell Choir will be performing during the service!

# 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**  
7:00 pm Cub Scouts  
**7:00 pm Council Meeting - Zoom**
- Wed. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music  
9:30 am Art Class  
**7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal**
- Thurs. 9:00 am Twinkle Together Music  
7:00 pm Child Care Providers
- Fri. 9:30 am Art Class
- Sun. **9:30 am Worship**



## SALEM CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours:

- Monday –7 am – 9 am  
Tuesday 7 am – 9 am  
Wednesday 8 am 12 pm  
Thursday – 7 am – 9 am  
Friday 7 am – 9 am

Pastor Russ will be in Monday-Wednesday.



## OCTOBER MISSION

Neighbors in Need

