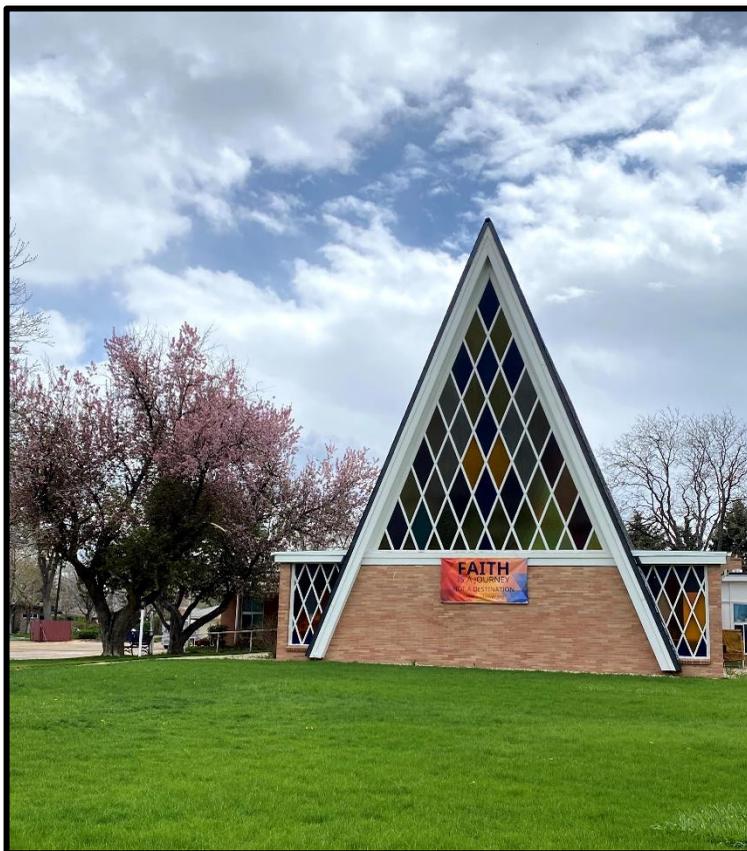


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**January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

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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

*Enter, Rejoice and Come In!*

NCH # 73

“Love Your Enemies” Martin Luther King

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Fs8vSsJg-A>

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Salem

RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Jenny Whitcher

*Adapted from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “Letter from Birmingham City Jail”*

One: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

**Many: We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny.**

One: Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.

**Many: We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed.**

One: Human progress comes through the tireless efforts and persistent work of people willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation.

**Many: We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right.**

One: Now is the time.

**All: Today is the day!**

\*OPENING HYMN

*Take My Life God, Let it Be*

NCH #448

**Take my life, God, let it be consecrated faithfully.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my spirit, let it move at the impulse of your love.  
Take my intellect and use all its powers as you choose.**

**Take my will; your will be done!  
Make your will and mine be one.  
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwelling place.  
Take my love and help it grow; let my loving overflow.  
Take me now and help me be part of Christ's community.**

UNISON PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Jenny Whitcher

*Adapted from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from Birmingham City Jail"*

**In deep disappointment, we have wept over the laxity of the church. But be assured that our tears have been tears of love. There can be no deep disappointment where there is not deep love. Yes, we see the church as the body of Christ. But, oh! How we have blemished and scarred that body through social neglect and fear of being nonconformists. May we become the spiritual salt that preserves the true meaning of the gospel in these troubled times. May we carve a tunnel of hope through the mountain of disappointment and fear. May the eternal will of God be embodied in our echoing demands for justice. Amen.**

THE CHILD IN ALL OF US

Rev. Dr. Jenny Whitcher

A message for the young and young at heart

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*We Shall Overcome*

NCH #570

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we shall overcome someday.  
We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in hand someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we'll go hand in hand someday.**

**We are not afraid, we are not afraid, we are not afraid today;  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we are not afraid today.  
Our God will see us though, our God will see us though, our God will see us  
though someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, our God will see us though someday.**

**The truth shall make us free; the truth shall make us free, the truth shall make us free, some day;  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, the truth shall make us free someday.**

**We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we shall live in peace someday.  
We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace, we shall live in peace someday;  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe, we shall live in peace someday.**

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 3:1-20

Rev. Dr. Jenny Whitcher

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup>On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup>For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup>Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." <sup>15</sup>Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup>But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." <sup>17</sup>Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." <sup>18</sup>So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." <sup>19</sup>As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup>And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

THE MESSAGE

*Naming Evil*

Rev. Dr. Jenny Whitcher

INVITATION &amp; OFFERTORY

*Take My Gifts*

NCH#562

\*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. Dr. Jenny Whitcher

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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN

*God's Eye Is on the Sparrow*

NCH #475

**Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,**

When God is ever my portion?  
My constant friend will be  
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.

***Refrain:***

I sing because I am happy, (I'm happy) I sing because I'm free (I'm free)  
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.

Let not your heart be troubled Christ's tender word I hear,  
And resting on God's goodness, I lose my doubts and fears; Though by the path  
God leads me but one step I may see;  
God's eye is on the Sparrow, and I know God watches me

***Refrain***

Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I then draw close to my Savior from care I am set free:  
God's eye is on the sparrow and I know God watches me.

***Refrain***

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Jenny Whitcher

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

\*SENDING FORTH

*We Shall Not Give Up the Fight*

NCH #437

**We shall not give up the fight, we have only started, we have only started, we have only started.**

**We shall not give up the fight we have we have only started, we have only started, we have only started.**

**Together we'll have victory, hand holding hand, hand holding hand, hand holding hand.**

**Together we have victory, hand holding hand, hand holding hand, hand holding hand.**



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## PANDEMIC GUIDELINES:

- To comply with Directive from the City and County of Denver masks must be worn in indoor public places
- 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:

- Zoom Bible Study every Tues. at 10 am, please join us! Contact Lisa for Zoom link and information. Tuesday word of the day.... Wander!
- Community Meal Wed. at 6 pm. everyone invited, always looking for participation and volunteers.
- Deadline for announcement and bulletin information is Wednesday of each week.
- Deadline for February newsletter submissions will be Friday Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Tonight, we welcome Christ the King Anglican Church and Pastor Rev. Jesse Blaine who will be worshipping at 4:30 pm at Salem.
- The Rocky Mountain Conference will be continuing to gather your donations for the Marshall Fire victims. **Please ensure monies directed** toward the Boulder County recovery are earmarked "**Boulder County Wildfire 2021**" and sent to the Conference Office at 1140 W 5th, Denver, CO 80204.

## LOOKING AHEAD:

- Sunday Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> we welcome Christ the King Anglican Church's Pastor Rev. Jesse Blaine who will be leading our worship at 9:30 am at Salem.
- Sunday Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> we welcome Cheryl Swing who will be leading our worship at 9:30 am at Salem.

# 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.      **10:00 am Bible Study – Zoom**  
              7:00 pm Cub Scouts
- Wed.      9:30 am Art Class  
              **6:00 pm Community Meal**
- Fri.        9:30 am Art Class
- Sun.        **9:30 am Worship**  
              **3:00 pm Christ the King (CTK)**



## SALEM CHURCH OFFICE

Office Hours:

Monday 7-9 am, Tuesday– Friday 11-1



## JANUARY MISSION

Pastors discretionary fund

