

SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

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September 18th, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

Isabella Ashton

WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Beth Hansen

RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP (PLEASE SING ALONG)

Reverend Joanne

Come, let us worship God!

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Welcome everyone,

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To the Love of God.

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* OPENING HYMN

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

NCH #181

UNISON PRAYER

Beth Hansen

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me, with us here gathered; let peace begin within your Church, so that it might be spread like a fresh, cleansing rain throughout our communities and our world. Let us sing, “Our hearts, our hearts adore you, God!” And may our adoration bring our hearts to your peace. Amen.

THE PROPHECY

Isaiah 2:1-4

Beth Hansen

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-57

THE MESSAGE

Who, Me? Can Peace Truly Begin with Me?

Reverend Joanne Buchanan

OFFERING

*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.**

COMMUNAL PRAYER FOR PEACE AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Joanne

Eternal God, who brought forth all worlds from the womb of your being and nurtured creation to splendor in the cradle of your care:

We praise you for your loving-kindness toward all you have made, and for a universe still expanding beyond the stars.

We rejoice that you have raised us from dust and breathed living breath into our frames, that we may love and serve you in perfect freedom.

We lift before you a world burdened with the power to incinerate itself and to return to you the breathless dust of a silenced earth.

God, in your mercy, show us the way of justice and peace, lest in the defense of what cannot be defended, we offer death a winner-less victory.

Speak to all peoples, but speak especially to us, that our nation may not lift up sword against any nation, neither provoke war by a readiness that invites war.

God, in your gentleness, wean us from the enemy within ourselves, that we might have grace and courage to prepare for peace with more diligence than any who labor to prepare for war.

Forgive us for not doing anything because we cannot do everything, and for not taking first steps because we cannot see the last step on the journey that peace requires.

God, in your faithfulness, do not turn away from us when we place our trust in megatons of destruction rather than in you.

From the lips of Jesus, the Christ, let us hear again the call, “Blessed are those who work for peace, for they shall be called the children of God.”

Come, Holy Spirit, let your tongues of fire stir us to a Pentecost of peace, lest the tongues of the technicians of war vaporize us in a holocaust of hatred.

Hear our prayer, O God, for the sake of the world you pronounced good at the dawn of creation, and for the world you loved enough to send us Jesus, the great liberating Christ, the lover of our souls, and our way to peace. Amen.

LIGHTING CANDLES FOR PEACE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Father Mother God, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come. We pray that your will be done. Let heavens and earth become one. Give to us this day bread for our hunger —give it to those who have nothing. And let your forgiveness flow through us creating a river of your love, from each one to each one to all. And lead us into your holiness beyond the evil of our days. Come swiftly, Mother, Father, come. For yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory. For ever and ever. Amen.

From translation by Parker Palmer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beth Hansen

*CLOSING HYMN

I've Got Peace Like a River

NCH #478

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Isabella Ashton

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

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| Mon. | 7:00 pm - Boy Scouts |
| Tues. | 10:00 am - Bible Study – Zoom
7:00 pm – CE/Worship - Zoom meeting |
| Wed. | 9:00 am Romeos Men's Coffee Club
6:00 pm - Community Meal |
| Fri. | 9:30 am Art Class |
| Sun. | 9:30 am – Worship
3:00 pm -Christ the King (CTK) |

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- Discernment Minister: Joanne Buchanan • Administrative Assistant: Lisa Thomas
- Financial Assistant: Ani Martinez • Music Director: Isabella Ashton

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Bible Study** – Please join in the Zoom Bible Study Class on Tuesday at 10 am via Zoom. Word of the day is.... Autumn.
- **Community Meal** – Wednesday at 6 pm.
- **Discernment Meeting**– Next Sunday Sept. 25th - 11:00 am, please bring your lunch.
- **October Newsletter deadline** – September 23rd.
- **September Mission** – Filter of Hope.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Renewal Sunday - Oct 2nd we will be having a renewal picnic after the service. Bring a side if you'd like, Salem will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs. Join in this time to renew old friendships and create new ones.

Discernment Meetings - Sunday Oct. 9th after service - bring your lunch.
Sunday Oct. 23rd after service - lunch will be provided.

Children's Sunday - October 30th.

October Mission – Neighbors in Need!