

# SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, DENVER

*“No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,  
you are welcome here.”*



**September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Sixteenth 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

Krissy Berry

RINGING OF THE BELL

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Krissy Berry

One: We lift up our eyes to the hills, to the mountains, right here in our beautiful state!

Many: **And as we look up, we ask, “Where will our help come from?”**

One: Our help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.

All: **Then let us worship our God with thanks and praise, with our whole hearts, with big joy!**

\* OPENING HYMN

*God of the Sparrow God of the Whale*

NCH #32

UNISON PRAYER

Krissy Berry

**O God of all seasons, in these first few days of Autumn, let us breathe in the newness of change. Let our hearts overflow with the pleasure of simply being alive in your beautiful world. And let us watch and learn from creation all around us—let us learn how to let go, so that there is space for what comes next in the living of our days, one by precious one. Thanks be to you, O God. Amen!**

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:15-22

Krissy Berry

“If a fellow believer hurts you, go and tell him—work it out between the two of you. If he listens, you’ve made a friend. If he won’t listen, take one or two others along so that the presence of witnesses will keep things honest, and try again. If he still won’t listen, tell the church. If he won’t listen to the church, you’ll have to start over from scratch, confront him with the need for repentance, and offer again God’s forgiving love. “Take this most seriously: A yes on earth is yes in heaven; a no on earth is no in heaven. What you say to one another is eternal. I mean this. When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I’ll be there.” At that point Peter got up the nerve to ask, “Master, how many times do I forgive a brother or sister who hurts me? Seven?” Jesus replied, “Seven! Hardly. Try seventy times seven.

THE MESSAGE

*Forgiveness*

Reverend Joanne Buchanan

OFFERTORY

Isabella Ashton

\*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 PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Joanne

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

Krissy Berry

\*CLOSING HYMN

*Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

NCH #539

\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Isabella Ashton



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Bible Study** – Please join in the Zoom Bible Study Class on Tuesday at 10 am via Zoom. Word of the day is....Value.
- **Community Meal** – Everyone is welcome to join us for our weekly meal, each Wednesday at 6 pm.
- **Discernment** – Join us after Worship for our next discernment session!

## LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Renewal Sunday – October 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **Children’s Sunday – October 30<sup>th</sup>**

## THIS WEEK AT SALEM

Mon.	7:00 pm - Boy Scouts
Tues.	<b>10:00 am - Bible Study – Zoom</b>
Wed.	<b>6:00 pm - Community Meal</b>
Thurs.	7:00 pm Coin Club
Fri.	9:30 am Art Class
Sun.	<b>9:30 am – Renewal Sunday Worship</b> 3:00 pm -Christ the King (CTK)



## SALEM CHURCH OFFICE

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