

*Salem in Ballwin
United Methodist Church*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

September 1, 2019 10:00 AM

Please sign the registration pad at the end of the pew and pass it to the next person.

Everyone should eat and drink,
and enjoy the *good* of all their *labor*,
it is the *gift of God*.

Ecclesiastes 3:13

THOUGHT UPON ENTERING

“And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?” John 9:2 KJV By their question, the disciples show that they are looking to place blame for impairments and disabilities. Instead, Jesus gives another lesson in Christian leadership. Jesus turns the focus to resolving the problem; he just gives the man a way to receive his sight. Perhaps the blind man has even accepted his blindness as normal. He does not ask for his sight but Jesus observes his problem and fixes it. Those who are spiritually blind today often just accept that situation. We must seek those who struggle and suffer because they know no other way. In Jesus’ name we can cure that blindness.

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Christ for the World We Sing”
(“with us the work to share, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.”)

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 100)**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him and bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Leader: O God, you move in unceasing love, and you give to each of us our appointed work. Help us steadfastly to fulfill the duties of our calling, so that when our Lord Christ takes account of us, he may be able to say, “Well done, good and faithful servants. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

ALL: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN #185**

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, we come to you just as we are. We are tired from trying to do more than we can manage. We are anxious about problems and events beyond our control. We are skeptical because of information overload in which we are fed outright lies and half-truths. For mistakes we cannot undo, for tasks left undone, for worries we won’t turn over to you, for our lack of courage to take bold stances for you, we ask your forgiveness and understanding.

We pray to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ and to be instruments of his peace, mercy and justice in our world. In His name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, who forgives all our sins, who heals all our infirmities, who rescues our lives from the Pit, who crowns us with steadfast love and mercy all the days of our lives!

ALL: Amen!

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

ANTHEM “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”
(Prayer of St. Francis) - Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:8-24 (RSV)

***GLORIA PATRI #71**

***GOSPEL READING** John 9:1-5 (RSV)

HYMN OF PREPARATION (see insert)
“Work, for the Night is Coming”

MESSAGE “East of Eden” Pastor Ken Gottman

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

“God, Who Madest Earth and Heaven”
(“*who the day for toil has given; for rest the night.*”)

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

RITUAL OF HOLY COMMUNION (UMH pg. 10)
(We practice open communion. You do not have to be a member of Salem, or a United Methodist in order to receive the sacrament. Go forward to the altar rail when indicated by the ushers. Kneel or stand to receive then return to your seat, giving thanks to God.)

*CLOSING HYMN #438

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**All are welcome at our Fellowship Luncheon
immediately following the service in Duff Hall.**

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Coming Up Next Week

Monday, September 2

Office Closed - Holiday

Tuesday, September 3

UMW 7:00 pm Jane Pursley's Home

Wednesday, September 4

Prayer Group 5:45 pm

Scouts 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 5

Hearts & Hands 9:30 am Duff Hall

Cards 12:00 pm Duff Hall

Friday, September 6

Office Closed

Hearing-assistive devices are available from the ushers.

We believe in the Power of Prayer

Our Members Needing Prayers

Raeleen Heffington; Peggy Araki; Mike Groves; Roger Crabtree; Betty Caswell; Nancy Boerner; Donna Flora; Velma Buermann; Wayne and Virginia Jordan; Bob Kight; Lila Poertner; Gale Crabtree

Our Family and Friends Needing Prayers

John Roe's sister Marge; Denise Kelly's son Ron; Diana Hughes sister Lisa; Pat Hazslip's brother Dan; Rachelle Holt's Aunt Fran; Phyllis Hardcastle's friend Jaime; Nancy Boerner's friend Janice; Alice Krechel's sister-in-law Melva; Patti Ham's daughter Tracy; Sharon Kleitsch's daughter-in-law Gale

Our Community

All people fighting cancer and other diseases; Peace and healing after mass shootings; The Ballwin Police Department; Francisco Queniasse, our seminary student in Mozambique; All First Responders; homeless people; all dealing with mental health - sufferers and support system; The Fold Children's Home

Those in our Armed Forces

Michael Suozzi is in the Navy and is currently stationed in San Diego; Kyle Roe is stationed in Yankeetown, Florida with the Coast Guard.

Joys

Alice Krechel's brother Lawrence is back in Georgia and doing better.

Paul & BJ's friend Mary Jane celebrated her 100th birthday.

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