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Love Sunday
February 16, 2022 at 10:15



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION TO WORSHIP VIDEO *"The Love of God"*

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus said, "I tell you this so that my joy may be in you..."

All: Love one another as I have loved you..."

One: Jesus said, "You are my friends if you do what I ask you..."

All: Love one another as I have loved you..."

One: Jesus said, "I have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last..."

All: Love one another as I have loved you..."

One: As we gather in worship, in Christ, we know that we are loved.

All: We are called to be a community where God's love lives and grows!

MORNING PRAYER

All: Loving God, we come to worship today because we love you, and we want to love you more. We come to worship needing love in our lives: love for family, friends, strangers, enemies. In this time of worship, touch our hearts, fill our hearts, open our hearts, to your love which passes all understanding. Amen.

***HYMN #358** "Love Divine, All Love Excelling"

A TIME OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

One: God of Love, we confess we are sometimes impatient, and often unkind.

We are quick to envy, and find subtle ways to boast. There are times we are rude, and lift ourselves up as we put others down.

All: Loving God, teach us to love.

One: God of Love, we confess that we are quickly angered. We are quick to record how often we've been wronged. There are times we celebrate the misfortune of others.

All: Loving God, teach us to love

One: God of Love, we confess that we put ourselves first. We're reluctant to give, we are slow to sacrifice. There are times we hesitate to love as you call us to.

All: Loving God, we confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We cast the first stone. We seek to take the speck out of our neighbor's eye and yet keep the logs in our own eyes. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Loving God teach us to love.

One: When we are tempted to judge, to assume the worst...

All: May love be our guide.

One: When we are tempted to despair, to assume all is lost...

All: May your love remind us to hope.

One: When we are tempted to give up, to assume it will never happen...

All: May your love remind us to persevere.

One: Loving God teach us to love.

All: Hear our silent prayers. (*silence is kept*)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Friends in Christ, the good news is this: love is from God, and we are loved by God.

**All: God sent Christ into the world to offer new life, and in him we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE!

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you!

One: Share the peace of Christ with one another

PRAISE RESPONSE:

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

***HYMN OF PRAISE #658**

All: Our God is an awesome God, he reigns from heaven above, with wisdom, power and love. Our God is an awesome God. (2 times)

SALEM CHOIR ANTHEM "Love Will Find You"

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NRSV)

Colossians 3:12-17 (The Message)

1 John 4:7-21 (NRSV)

RESPONSE:

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SALEM'S YOUNG DISCIPLES SING "Love Is Patient"

YOUNG DISCIPLE'S MESSAGE

by Vicki Troxell

FAMILY COVENANT

TODAY'S MESSAGE "The Love of God"

COUPLE'S COVENANT

HYMN #397 "The Gift of Love"

OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

One: Please join me in the prayer of dedication.

All: **All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is. With love you formed us in your image. When our love fails, your love remains steadfast. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer ourselves, and all that we have to you. Your Holy Spirit makes us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts & debtors*)

CHURCH FAMILY COVENANT

* **HYMN #395** *"The Bond of Love"* (*entire hymn sung 2 times*)

*** BENEDICTION**

One: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend;

All: Fill us until we meet again.

One: May the love of God, binding us together and building us up;

All: Empower us until we meet again.

One: May the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, knitting us together as a church family;

All: Be with us until we meet again. Amen.

***THREE FOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE**

** Portions of this worship service were adapted from "re:worship", and "Seasons of the Spirit"*

SUNDAY, February 9, 2025

ACOLYTE: Bryce Bernstein

GREETERS: Alison Huber & Stephen Hahn

PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD: The **FLOWERS** are sponsored in loving memory of Gary Bush by Renee, The **BULLETIN** is sponsored in honor of Beckett Herman's birthday by Lenny & Cindy Miller.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR: Forrest & Larry Silfies

ALTAR: Marsha Hahn & Deb Loch

SALEM PRAYER LIST/HOSPITAL ROLL: Bruce Roth (knee replacement), Ron Hugo, Kurt Miles, Rick Miller & Family (brain tumor), Larry Silfies, Jr., Mel Smith (heart), John Simons (recovering from heart surgery), MaryAnn Miller, Sandy Roth, Bill Rinker, John DiProperzio, Dee Laubach, Thomas George (eye surgery), Pat Smith, Betty Jackson, Hank VanBlargan.

NON-MEMBER/HOSPITAL ROLL/PRAYER LIST: Harold Latshaw (friend of Diane Gebhard), Paul Henning (Pastor Kaye's Brother, Lymphoma), Kim Geueke (Cub Scouts Leader, Pancreatic Cancer), Bev Clause (Salem Ladies Aid Quilter), Bill Gordon (Cindy Miller's brother), Leon Wohlbach, JoAnn Kleintop (friend of Cindy Miller), Jill Shive (Cindy Miller's sister in Cedarbrook), Jennifer (niece of Sally Fierro, breast cancer), John Gerancher (spinal stenosis).

SHUT-INS: Thomas George at home

MEDICAL PERSONNEL: Alyssa Brooks, nurse at LVHN; Greg Gable, nurse at LVHN; Elizabeth Patterson, doctor at St Luke's.

MILITARY PERSONNEL: Eric Fairman – US Army.

THIS WEEK AT SALEM

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM Sunday School; 10:15 AM Worship Service, and Virtual

MONDAY: Ladies Guild Meeting, 6:30 PM

TUESDAY: Tech Team Meeting, 5:30 PM; Property Committee Meeting, 6:00 PM; Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid Quilting, 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

THURSDAY: BACC Clergy Group Meeting, 9:30 AM in the Social Room

SATURDAY: Valentine Dinner & Dance, 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

NEXT SUNDAY: 9:00 AM Sunday School; 10:15 AM Worship Service, and Virtual; Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HOUR – Please consider signing up to bring some food (goodies) for any available Sunday to host the time after worship in the social room. The sharing of goodies and conversation helps to bring the members closer together as a church family, and to welcome visitors. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen area in the social room. Upcoming AVAILABLE dates are: February 16 & 23, March 9.

Don't forget to pick up your 2025 Giving Envelopes. They are downstairs in the Social Room on the table.

TECH TEAM will be meeting on Tuesday, February 11, 5:30 PM. Anyone interested in learning more about this team should contact Ed Taylor, 610-657-4247.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE **PROPERTY COMMITTEE**, PLEASE CALL SCOTT HAHN. There are many projects that require attention and need to be addressed. **There next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00pm.** If you have any comments, concerns or questions, please feel free to reach out to Scott at 484-223-9104.

EXCITING NEWS! We will be welcoming new members to the congregation in the near future. If you are interested in becoming a member of Salem, please let Pastor Kaye know!

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE here at Salem UCC this Saturday, February 15, 2025. Reservations required. Dinner starts at 5:00 PM. Music by "Desire" Oldies band 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM. Contact Vicki Troxell at 610-360-1401 to purchase tickets or stop by church office Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday 9:00 AM -1:00 PM to pay/reserve tickets. \$25 per person. Snow Date, February 22nd.

LV PHANTOMS HOCKEY GAME – We have tickets remaining to watch the Lehigh Valley Phantoms on Sunday, March 16th at 3:05pm. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs or contact Ed Taylor, 610-657-4247. Prefer to have payment by February 16th.

OPEN AND AFFIRMING (ONA) Team is looking to grow. The goal is to expand the group so that more ideas, thoughts, and suggestions can be incorporated. If you are interested in joining the team or have any questions about the team's goals, please let Pastor Kaye know. **The next meeting is Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00 PM.**

2025 Annual Basket Raffle Save the dates of Friday, April 11th and Saturday, April 12th for the 2025 Basket Raffle. The event will benefit the Salem Improvement Fund and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Lehigh Valley. We are once again asking for your help in distributing our Business Donation Request letters to area businesses. If you are comfortable and willing to take some letters to area stores, restaurants, or other types of businesses that you frequent, we would greatly appreciate it. Having a personal connection, when asking for a donation, helps the request be more successful. Please remember to notify the committee of the name and address of the businesses you gave a letter to by emailing us at basketraffsalemucc2218@yahoo.com or by calling Vicki Troxell at 610-360-1401. Letters can be picked up in the Social Room. Thank you for your help!

CALLING ALL MEN OF SALEM: We are looking for men interested in getting together for fellowship and planning programs/activities for the Men's Fellowship team. If you are interested, please speak to Mitch Thomas 484-274-9188 or Scott Hahn 484-223-9104.

NURSERY DURING CHURCH – We have a Nursery during the 10:15 am service. Children, from infants through 3 years of age, are able to "be kids" during the worship hour, and their parents will be able to participate more fully in worship. We have some volunteers who are looking forward to staying with the young children in the nursery, however, we can use a few more who love kids and would be willing to volunteer once every few weeks or so, to be a nursery caregiver. You are able to hear the service from the speaker in the nursery room. (This would be a great opportunity for youth 14 or older).

**All volunteers are required to have PA Child Abuse and Criminal background check that are free through the PA state website. If you have any questions regarding the nursery for your younger child (children), or you would like to volunteer in the nursery, please let Pastor Kaye or Vicki Troxell know.

THE BATH AREA COMMUNITY CHORUS will be presenting their annual Patriotic Program on Sunday, June 8, 2025. The program will be presented at Emmanuel's Lutheran Church, 3175 Valley View Drive, Bath; at 4:00 PM. If you are interested in singing with the Chorus, rehearsals will begin on Sunday, February 23 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall of Emmanuel's Lutheran church. All rehearsals are on Sunday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. A sheet is hanging on the bulletin board in the downstairs vestibule with additional rehearsal dates. Please contact Sharon Schantz at (610) 837-1555 with any questions.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – Pastor Kaye will be leading a Lenten Bible Study again this year. The title of the study is, "24 Hours That Changed the World". She will be offering a morning session beginning at 10:00 AM on March 12th, 19th, 26th, and April 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Pastor Kaye is also willing to do the same Bible Study virtually in the evening on ZOOM if there are at least five people who would be interested in attendance. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Social Room to sign up for either session, or you can email Pastor Kaye at salempastor2218@yahoo.com.

Salem Painting Project Olympics

Have you looked at the outside of our beloved church? The trim work, the steeple and the porches are in desperate need of paint. The longer we wait the more damage will happen to the exposed wood and it will be even more expensive to repair. We have a Painting Fund since this project will be very expensive. Quotes that we have are around **\$70,000**. As discussed in our Annual Meeting, we will not begin this project until we have the funds.

We're almost there!!

Updated total so far is **\$69,503** has been given.

If you want to help, we're accepting donations in **any amount**.
All donations **must** be marked as Painting Project Fund.

Donations made in memory of someone will be marked with a star.

TOTAL OFFERING FOR DECEMBER

Includes In-Person & Online Offerings

Budget	Received
Communion: \$0	Communion: \$254.00
Current: \$10,000	Current: \$14,590.82
Initial: \$0	Initial: \$305.00
Plate: \$150	Plate: \$509.00
<u>Total: \$10,150</u>	<u>Total: \$15,658.82</u>

358 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;
 3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee:



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning, Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



The Gift of Love

Introduction for piano in G major, 4/4 time. The first system consists of three measures with chords G, Am/G, and Am. The melody in the right hand features quarter notes and eighth notes, while the left hand plays a steady bass line with eighth notes.

First system of the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics: "1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire, 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess, 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,". The piano accompaniment starts with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The second system continues the piano accompaniment with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Second system of the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "and have the gift to all in - spire, and striv - ing so my love pro - fess, our spir - its long to be made whole." The piano accompaniment continues with a melodic line in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

G Em7 G

and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;

The first system of the musical score features a vocal line in G major with a treble clef and a piano accompaniment in G major with a grand staff. The vocal line has a melodic line with a slur over the first two measures. The piano accompaniment has a rhythmic pattern in the right hand and a more active line in the left hand. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Am7 D C2 C 1, 2
 G

as sound-ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange-ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

1, 2

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line has a melodic line with a slur over the first two measures. The piano accompaniment has a rhythmic pattern in the right hand and a more active line in the left hand. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

Final ending

G Em C G

rit. pp

The final ending section of the musical score is for the piano accompaniment. It features a grand staff with a treble clef and a bass clef. The music is in G major and consists of four measures. The first measure has a G chord, the second an Em chord, the third a C chord, and the fourth a G chord. The tempo is marked 'rit.' and the dynamics are 'pp'. The section ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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The Bond of Love

B \flat Eb B \flat Gm C9 C7 F C7 F7

1 We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love. We have
 2 Let us sing now, ev-ery-one; let us feel God's love be - gun. \ Let us

B \flat F7 B \flat 7 Eb B \flat /F F7 B \flat

joined our spir-it with the Spir-it of God; we are one in the bond of love.
 join our hands that the world will know we are one in the bond of love.

Detailed description: The image shows a sheet music page for the hymn 'The Bond of Love'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system includes two vocal parts with lyrics. The second system continues the melody and bass line. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line in both systems.