

# SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Welcome to worship!

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

The Mission of the people of Salem United Methodist Church is to grow in Christian faith and express God's love to all.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP:

LEADER: Life-Giving God, you have called us to the fountain of new life, new vision, new hope, new fellowship with you and with one another.

**ALL: We come rejoicing! You kept your promise.**

LEADER: Faithful God, you promised never to leave or forsake us.

**ALL: We come in victory! You kept your promise.**

LEADER: All-Powerful, Sustaining God, you promised to set us free from the law of sin and death.

**ALL: We come with hearts of thanksgiving and our minds are stayed on you because you kept your promise. Hallelujah!**

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OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON: God, let us count the ways you never leave us. Your Light of Day greeted us this morning. The smell of the crisp air of a new day. The melody of the birds whispered your love in our ears. Feeling dirt between our fingers in the garden. These are among the Good Morning gifts we give thanks for. Another day in your Precious Presence.**

**Come what may this day, angry traffic, angry words, paved or unpaved roads, we will praise your Holy Name! And so we greet you this day with shouts of joy and thanksgiving. Amen.**

*Sherrie Dobbs Johnson, The Africana Worship Book: Year A, (Discipleship Resources, 2006), 77. Adaptations by Emily Hart.*

HYMN Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art--  
thou my best thought by day or by night,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
 I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
 thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.  
 3 Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
 be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
 thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
 raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
 thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
 thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
 High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.  
 5 High King of heaven, my victory won,  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
 still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

#### PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God

Spirit of the living God,  
 Fall afresh on me.  
 Spirit of the living God,  
 Fall afresh on me.  
 Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
 Spirit of the living God,  
 Fall afresh on me.

#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23  
 (NRSV)

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. 2 Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. 3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. 4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. 8 Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 Let anyone with ears[a] listen!"

18 "Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. 20 As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.[a] 22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. 23 But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

## SERMON

How's Your Soil? Meet me in the Garden

## PRAYER

HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God  
In the Garden

UMH 420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING

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12 High St  
Brookeville MD 20833

If you have financial needs, please contact Rev. Emily. She will keep your need confidential and do all she can to assist you.

## OFFERTORY

HYMN Help Us Accept Each Other

UMH 560

1. I am weak, but thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Refrain:  
Just a closer walk with thee,

grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee:  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.  
(Refrain)

3. When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.  
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE