

**SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**12 High Street Brookeville, MD 20833**  
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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

L: God has scattered the seed of love and compassion lavishly to the  
world.

**P: But some of the seed is wasted. It has fallen into ruin and decay.**

L: There will always be enough seed that falls into the good soil.

**P: But how will we know? Help us, Lord, discern the goodness that  
has been poured out to us.**

***ALL: Amen!***

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OPENING PRAYER

**UNISON: God, you are with us, you are with us, you are with us. We  
thank you. You plant your Word in us. You cultivate us. You give us  
every chance to grow. You refuse to harm us. We are grateful. Today,  
help us to focus our attention on you. Help us to crave your love in  
the midst of stress, , fear, and division. Give us a desire to share that  
transforming love with the world. Amen.**

HYMN: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

UMH 474

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light:

Refrain  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

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When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall:

(Refrain)

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand:  
(Refrain)

PRAYER OF UNDERSTANDING  
Spirit of the living God

UMH 393

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 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSV)

24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the

kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears[a] listen!

SERMON  
PRAYER

So, You Have Weeds? Meet me in the Garden

HYMN: Amazing Grace (1-4)

UMH 378

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.  
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.  
4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**UNISON: Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING

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12 High St  
Brookeville MD 20833

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## OFFERTORY

HYMN: There is a Balm in Gilead

UMH 375

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole;  
there is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some times I feel discouraged,  
and think my work's in vain.  
But then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again.  
(Refrain)

2 Don't ever feel discouraged,  
for Jesus is your friend,  
and if you look for knowledge  
he'll ne'er refuse to lend.  
(Refrain)

3 If you can't preach like Peter,  
if you can't pray like Paul,  
just tell the love of Jesus,  
and say he died for all.  
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE