

# SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Electronic Bulletin

12 High Street Brookeville MD

October 4, 2020

Service time: 9:30am

YouTube Link: <https://tinyurl.com/SalemUMCYouTube>

Pastor: Rev. Emily Hart

Musician: Dr. Harry Dunstan

## Welcome!

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

## Our Mission

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

## Weekly Sign Language

Peace

"satisfied"

"Spirit fall"

## Announcements

- **Bible study:** Tuesday night 6:30 gather, 7-8 discussion. Come with your "Wait, what" thoughts. All the information is on the website under "Matthew class," including reading the whole class schedule. Join us!
- **Zoom check-in on Wednesday at 10 am.** The Zoom link is on the website. The meeting ID and password:  
Meeting ID: 985 2643 0948  
Passcode: 123456
- Our **reopening committee** proposes October 25 for being back in the building. At that point, we will also launch a new online worship system for folks at home.
- Now that we are at stage 3, we will introduce paper sign-ins for our contact tracing. Please go to the **check-in table** and sign your information. Our electronic sign-in has not been well used, so we will drop it and shift it to paper only.
- **Newsletter is coming out today!! And it's posted on the Web site!**
- Blessing of the Animals next week at 2 pm! Flyers on the check-in table.
- New member/reaffirmation of membership class coming up

# Worship

## Preparing

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship with body prayer

Song: UMH 393 Spirit of the Living God

## Proclaiming

Prayer for Understanding

Hebrew Bible: Exodus 20: 8-11

Prophets: Ezekiel 20: 11-26

Gospel: Mark 2: 23-28

Sermon: Vocation-Sabbath

## Responding

Musical Meditation: UMH 377 It is Well (1, 3)

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Thank you for mailing in your offerings. Please continue to do so. Of if you haven't yet done so, please consider mailing your offerings to:

12 High St  
Brookeville MD 20833

If you would like to give by app, please go to the Google Play store or the App Store (depending on your device) and download "Give Plus." Then search "churches near me" and Salem should pop up. You can do all your giving through this app!

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

Offertory

## Claiming

Song: UMH 431 Let there be Peace on Earth

Benediction **Exodus 20: 8-11**

<sup>8</sup> “Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

### **Ezekiel 20:11-26**

<sup>11-12</sup> “I gave them laws for living, showed them how to live well and obediently before me. **I also gave them my weekly holy rest days, my “Sabbaths,” a kind of signpost erected between me and them to show them that I, God, am in the business of making them holy.** <sup>13-17</sup>

“But Israel rebelled against me in the desert. They didn’t follow my statutes. They despised my laws for living well and obediently in the ways I had set out. And they totally desecrated my holy Sabbaths. I seriously considered unleashing my anger on them right there in the desert. But I thought better of it and acted out of who I was, not by what I felt, so that I might be honored and not blasphemed by the nations who had seen me bring them out. But I did lift my hand in a solemn oath there in the desert and promise them that I would not bring them into the country flowing with milk and honey that I had chosen for them, that jewel among all lands. I canceled my promise because they despised my laws for living obediently, wouldn’t follow my statutes, and went ahead and desecrated my holy Sabbaths. They preferred living by their no-god idols. But I didn’t go all the way: I didn’t wipe them out, didn’t finish them off in the desert.

<sup>18-20</sup> “Then I addressed myself to their children in the desert: “Don’t do what your parents did. Don’t take up their practices. Don’t make yourselves filthy with their no-god idols. I myself am God, your God: Keep my statutes and live by my laws. Keep my Sabbaths as holy rest

days, signposts between me and you, signaling that I am God, your God.”<sup>21-22</sup> ““But the children also rebelled against me. They neither followed my statutes nor kept my laws for living upright and well. And they desecrated my Sabbaths. I seriously considered dumping my anger on them, right there in the desert. But I thought better of it and acted out of who I was, not by what I felt, so that I might be honored and not blasphemed by the nations who had seen me bring them out.”<sup>23-26</sup> ““But I did lift my hand in solemn oath there in the desert, and swore that I would scatter them all over the world, disperse them every which way because they didn’t keep my laws nor live by my statutes. They desecrated my Sabbaths and remained addicted to the no-god idols of their parents. Since they were determined to live bad lives, I myself gave them statutes that could not produce goodness and laws that did not produce life. I abandoned them. Filthy in the gutter, they perversely sacrificed their firstborn children in the fire. The very horror should have shocked them into recognizing that I am God.’

## **Mark 2: 23-28**

<sup>23</sup> One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.<sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?”<sup>25</sup> And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food?<sup>26</sup> He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.”<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, “**The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath;**<sup>28</sup> **so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.**”

*The Word of God, for the people of God.*

*Thanks be to God! Amen.*