

SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**12 High Street
Brookeville, MD
Electronic Bulletin
ONLINE WORSHIP ONLY**

**March 21, 2021
Service Time: 9:30 A.M.**

**Online Live Worship: <https://SalemUMC.live>
OR
Join Zoom Fellowship Worship**

9:15 A.M.—Catch up with your Salem friends.
9:30 A.M.—Watch the service "together" on Zoom.
10:30 A.M.—Prayer requests are gathered. Rev. Emily will join us to address any questions from the service and to spend time with the congregation.

Click here to participate:

<https://zoom.us/j/93461431149?pwd=eWk4VmorU1pvYW5nTXFkcG9ZUDNWUT09>

Announcements

Lent Self-Guided Study Book/Sermon Series:

During Lent, the Sermon Series will follow much of the book “Lent in Plain Sight: A Devotion Through Ten Objects” by Jill Duffield. This Week's Readings: **OIL**
Oil can be a symbol of abundance, extravagance, or decadence. Now, we're unlikely to pour oil over our heads in celebration (just call Neutrogena now!). How do you celebrate God's goodness in your life?

Combined Bible Study and Joys and Concerns Time

Wednesday, March 23 from 6:30-8:00 PM

Joys and Concerns Check-in: 6:30-7:00 P.M. (right before Bible Study-on the same Zoom link). All are welcome-no requirement to stay for the study.

Luke Immersion Study: 7:00-8:00 P.M. WRAP-UP

Click here to participate:

<https://zoom.us/j/94812192432?pwd=T256VnIzQ1VwVk83eGljeGRLL3pNQOT09>

Reopening Salem for In-Person Worship: If you haven't done so, please complete the survey on resuming in-person worship. The reopening date will be announced following the next Committee meeting. Click here to take the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/H9PVT8Z>

Holy Week Services:

Rev. Emily will be participating with Rev. Will Newton at St. Paul's UMC in Laytonsville in streaming Maundy Thursday and Holy Friday worship services. Salem will have an in-person socially distanced Easter Sunrise Service in the Salem Cemetery at 7:00 A.M. and an online Easter Service via SalemUMC.live at 9:30 A.M. Details and links to follow.

Sermon Series/Study after Easter: based on "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. We will read and discuss two chapters a week April 7-May 12. Contact Suzanne Friis to purchase a book or purchase one through Amazon at: <https://www.amazon.com/Altar-World-Geography-Faith/dp/0061370479> (the audio book is awesome!). In addition, several copies are available in the Montgomery County library.

*Rev. Emily takes her Sabbath Day on Fridays
and a vacation day on Federal holidays.
In the event of an emergency when she is off, please call (301) 774-7772.
She is available the remaining days 9 A.M. - 6 P.M.*

Worship**Preparing**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

Call to Worship with Body Prayer

Song: UMH #328 "Surely the Presence of the Lord Is In This Place"

Proclaiming

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture: Psalm 23; Matthew 25: 1-13

Sermon: Ordinary – Oil

Responding

Song: UMH #396 "Jesus, I Have Promised"

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Offering

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

12 High Street

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 #464 "I Will Trust in the Lord"

Benediction

Scripture

Psalm 23; Matthew 25: 1-13 (NRSV)

Psalm 23: A Psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;^[a]

³ he restores my soul.^[b]

He leads me in right paths^[c]

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,^[d]

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff—

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely^[e] goodness and mercy^[f] shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord

my whole life long.^[g]

Matthew 25: 1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids^[a] took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.^[b] ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those bridesmaids^[c] got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids^[d] came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.^[e]