



Forgiveness  
Fearlessness  
unconditional Love  
Possibility

**September 8, 2019**  
**Pastor Matthew Hunt**



**SALEM** CHURCH  
*God is still speaking*

**SONG (sung as a round)**

***This is the Day***

This is the day. *This is the day.* That the Lord hath made. *That the Lord hath made.*

I will rejoice. *I will rejoice.* And be glad in it. *And be glad in it.*

**ALL: This is the day that the Lord hath made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.**

This is the day. This is the day.

**ALL: That the Lord hath made.**

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 18: 1-6

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist – Leah Brice

Leader: To take the clay of our lives, and shape disciples:

**People: God calls us to the Potter's House**

Leader: To receive and mend those who are broken from life experiences:

**People: God calls us to the Potter's House**

Leader: To love and heal those who are wounded from war:

**People: God calls us to the Potter's House**

Leader: To shelter all who are outcast and heavily burdened:

**People: God calls us to the Potter's House**

Leader: Let us enter this place of transformation:

**People: And worship our God!**

**Congregation: We follow Christ's example, and learn from one another!**

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (In Unison)**

**Oh Great Potter, allow us to enter into your house to worship you. We have come to lay the clay of our lives on your wheel so that we might be shaped and fashioned into vessels for your Spirit who will mend those who suffer, heal the sick, and offer the outcast loving shelter. Create in us the spirit to serve those who are broken from laboring in life and war. Bless us with a new attitude to serve you and your people. Amen**

**\*SONG (inserted)**

***Here I Am to Worship***

## OFFERING INVITATION

It is time to share a portion of our earnings. Let us get excited for God has blessed us to make a deposit into the Kingdom. Remember, we can't beat God's giving no matter how we try. Let us cheerfully share our gifts, tithes, and free will offerings

## OFFERING SONG (inserted)

*This Little Light of Mine*

## \*OFFERING RESPONSE "Doxology" NO. 556

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW;  
PRAISE HIM, ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW;  
PRAISE HIM ABOVE, YE HEAVENLY HOST;  
PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST. AMEN**

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

**Gracious God we thank you for the opportunity to give our time, talent, and treasure for the building of your Kingdom on earth. Bless every gift, tithe, and offering that's deposited into your Kingdom today; we offer this prayer in your mighty name. Amen**

## \*SONG (inserted)

*Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord*

## MESSAGE SCRIPTURE

Philemon 1-21

## MESSAGE

Pastor Matthew Hunt

## SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## \*SONG (inserted)

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*RESPONSE – (inserted)

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

**No RE:CHARGE** today so everyone can enjoy the picnic lunch.

### **Here I Am To Worship**

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
Opened my eyes, let me see.

Beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're all together lovely, all together worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.

Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're all together lovely, all together worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.

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Here I am to say that You're my God.

You're all together lovely, all together worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

### **This Little Light of Mine**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

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This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All around the neighborhood, I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm gonna let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out! I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

### **Open the Eyes of My Heart**

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you. I want to see you.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you. I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love as we sing Holy, Holy, Holy.

### ***Repeat***

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. I want to see you.

### **I have Decided to Follow Jesus**

I have decided to follow Jesus. I have decided to follow Jesus.  
I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me. The world behind me, the cross  
before me. The world behind me, the cross before me. No turning back, no  
turning back.

Tho' none go with me, still I will follow. Tho' none go with me, still I will follow.  
Tho' none go with me, still I will follow. No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus? No turning back, now turning back.

### **Blest Be The Tie**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

***TODAY'S MESSAGE LESSON (NRSV)***

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to  
Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:  
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I  
hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord  
Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when  
you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed  
received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the  
hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.  
For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to  
do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and  
I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ  
Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I  
have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to  
you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending  
him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me,  
so that he might be of service to me in your place during my  
imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your  
consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not  
something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from  
you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as  
a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but  
how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would  
welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything,  
charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I  
will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own  
self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord!  
Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to  
you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**Choir started on Tuesday, Sept. 3.**

If you like to sing, please join us. We practice at 7:00 pm each Tuesday and sing in church each Sunday. We're a fun group who enjoy singing together and having fellowship. **Come join us!**

**Salem Bells will start on Sunday,  
Sept. 10.**

If you've never tried to play bells, now's your chance. We practice at 5:45 pm each Tuesday, and will have a schedule of when we will play in church. **Come join us!**

### Better Biblical View

Workshop and Potato/Salad Bar  
September 28 from 5-7:30 pm

Come learn what **Jesus** did and did NOT say about homosexuality. All proceeds will go to the Gay/Straight Alliance at QHS. Tickets available in the office.

6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grades

Next Meeting is Sept. 18, 2019, 3-5pm  
Four Square



Up to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Next Meeting is Sept. 26, 2019 at 5:30  
A Giant Good Time!



Please add John Maxwell  
to your prayers.

### God's Garden

It has been planted and it has grown.  
**Would you like to help harvest it?**

### Cancer Benefit for Debbie Daggs

Sat. Oct. 12 ~ 5-8pm

Here at Salem

Do you have baked goods or items  
you would like to donate?  
Please talk to Jeff or John



### Connect Groups

Are you planning to come? We hope so!  
They start **next week**.

The topic is:

### "Go Fish"

Becoming Fishers of People

We meet at different houses  
in small groups.

We will begin with dinner at 5:00 pm,  
then a lesson, activities, and discussion.  
You won't want to miss it.

### RUMMAGE SALE

Oct. 4-5

We could use help setting up tables  
after Fellowship Time on Sept. 29 and  
setting stuff out on the tables all week.  
Please bring items AFTER Sunday,  
Sept. 29.

Thanks



I am trying to get a new directory put together (no pictures yet) for our church family. I have some email addresses that I am not sure are correct. If you receive the newsletters, I obviously have your correct address. If you do NOT, please call the church office and let me know what it is. I also need to know if you want your cell phone number listed or not.

*Thanks, Barb*

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Please join us for our picnic lunch after service today. We will be serving the food in Fellowship Hall. You may choose to eat there or eat outside underneath the tent area or in the gazebo. There will be BINGO for anyone who is interested. It will begin after the meal.

**Guests are welcome.  
Please join us.**

Salem Evangelical United Church of Christ is an 'Open and Affirming' congregation. We believe that...

**welcome** everyone is

*"No matter who you are  
Or where you are  
on life's journey  
You are welcome here"*

**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We are called to help all people find their way to God.

### **VISION STATEMENT**

Sharing God's grace and abundance with all.