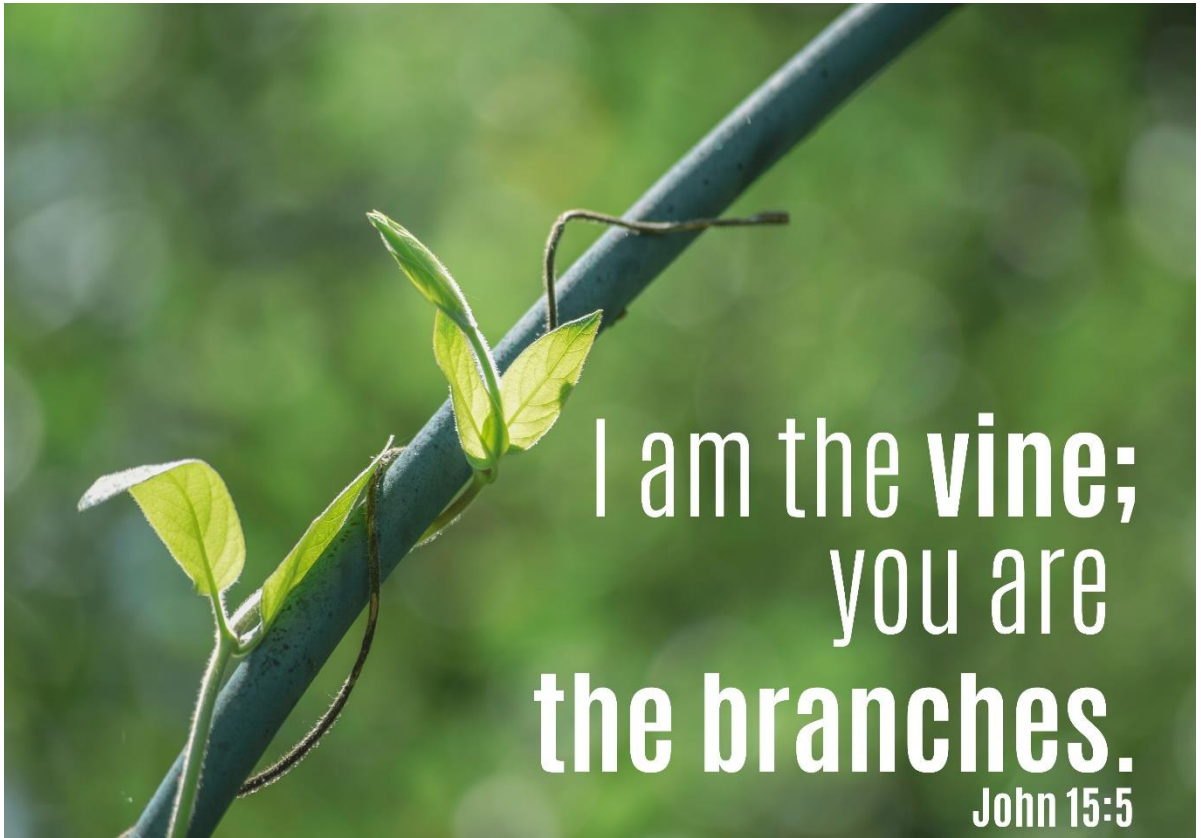


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May 2, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Rev. Jeremy R. Wood, Senior Pastor & Dawn Reinhardt, Music Director

We are God's children called to seek, share, teach, and continue to experience the Word of God.

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

“Joyful Song”

* Call to Worship

As we gather, may we open our hearts to receive newness of life.

We come with hope for renewal.

In our time of worship, may we be inspired by God’s wisdom.

We come seeking to learn and to draw closer to God.

Come, let us worship, as the beloved children of God.

* Invocation

* Opening Hymn

“Join All the Glorious Names”

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* Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

* Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

Epistle Reading

1 John 4:7-21

Time with the Children

Special Music

“I Go to the Rock”

Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Sermon

“God the Gardener”

Pastoral Prayer

* The Apostles’ Creed

(Inside cover of the Hymnal)

The Offering of Tithes, Gifts, & Lives to God

During Covidtime, you may give online, in the offering box in the Narthex, or by mailing your offerings to the church office.

Invitation & Offertory

“El Shaddai”

The Celebration of Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**
Open your hearts. **We open them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Sharing the Gifts of God

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Closing Hymn**

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

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*** The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Life Together

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

“Stand up, Stand up for Jesus”

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* Indicates where you may stand, if able; **bold print** indicates where the congregation reads.

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Confession: *Book of Common Worship (PCUSA)*, Prayer of Confession 3, pg. 88.

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 5:1, NKJV.

Benediction: Aaronic Blessing – Numbers 6:24-26, KJV.

At Salem UCC our worship services are broadcast via Livestream. If you have concerns regarding your image or your family’s image being broadcast, please consider sitting in the balcony or the rear of the nave.

Large print song sheets are available upon request. Please see an usher.

TODAY’S MINISTRY

Greeters: Debbie Passig, Doris & Steve Adcock, Lori Bratten, Rebecca Braundmeier

Liturgist: Ken Suhre

~ SALEM'S CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Sunday	May 2	8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:40 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult Sunday School Sunday School In-Person and via Zoom Worship with Communion Mission Trip Informational Meeting Drive Thru Communion Exhale
Monday	May 3	10:00 a.m. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Reflections (in Parlor) Office Open
Tuesday	May 4	6:30 p.m.	Evangelism/Worship Committee Meeting
Wednesday	May 5	12 – 4 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Office Open High School Hangout Ringers Practice
Thursday	May 6	10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Office Open Board of Christian Ed. Mtg. (In-Person & via Zoom)
Sunday	May 9	8:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult Sunday School Sunday School In-Person and via Zoom Worship / Mother's Day Exhale

MONDAY MORNING REFLECTIONS

Join us in the parlor on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the sermon, read scripture together, and talk about whatever is on your mind.

EXHALE MISSION TRIP INFORMATIONAL PARENT MEETING

Exhale Youth Group will be going on two mission trips this summer! The high school group will be going to Louisiana to help with Hurricane Laura recovery on July 4-11. The middle school group will be headed to Shannondale from August 6-8. There will be a parent meeting in the Gathering Room for those wanting to learn more about these trips today following worship. The meeting is just to learn more information. It does not commit you to a trip. Please consider stopping by if your child is interested in going!

COVID VACCINATIONS

Madison County will be offering free Covid vaccinations at the Community Center in Hamel on Tuesday, May 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This is open to the public. Please contact 633-2484 for additional information.

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The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The one holy universal Christian Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Join All the Glorious Names

Wonderful, Counselor, The Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace . . .

— Isaiah 9:6

DARWALL'S 148th

John Darwall

Isaac Watts

1 Join all the glo-ri-ous names Of wis - dom, love, and power,
 2 *Great Proph-et of my God, My life would bless Thy name;*
 3 Di - vine, al - might - y Lord, My Con-queror and my King,
 4 Now let my soul a - rise And tread the tempt-er down;

1 That ev - er mor-tals knew, That an - gels ev - er bore:
 2 *By Thee the joy - ful news Of our sal - va - tion came:*
 3 Thy scep - ter and Thy sword, Thy reign - ing grace I sing:
 4 *My cap-tain leads me forth To con-quest and a crown:*

1 All are too poor to speak His worth,
 2 *The joy - ful news of sins for - given,*
 3 Thine is the power! Be - hold I sit
 4 A fee - ble saint shall win the day,

1 Too poor to set my Sav - ior forth.
 2 *Of hell sub - dued, and peace with heaven.*
 3 And to Your lord - ly power sub - mit.
 4 *Though death and hell ob - struct the way.*

I Am Thine, O Lord

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... What would Thou have me to do?
— Acts 9:6

Fanny J. Crosby

I AM THINE
William H. Doane

1 I am Thine, O Lord— I have heard Thy voice, And it told Thy
 2 *Con-se - crate me now to Thy serv - ice, Lord, By the power of*
 3 O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour That be - fore Thy
 4 *There are depths of love that I can - not know 'Til I cross the*

1 love to me; But I long to rise in the arms of faith
 2 *grace di - vine; Let my soul look up with a stead - fast hope*
 3 throne I spend, When I kneel in prayer and with Thee, my God,
 4 *nar - row sea; There are heights of joy that I may not reach*

1 And be clos - er drawn to Thee.
 2 *And my will be lost in Thine.* Draw me near - er, nearer, blessed Lord,
 3 I com - mune as friend with friend.
 4 *'Til I rest in peace with Thee.*

To the cross where Thou hast died; Draw me near - er, near - er,

near - er, bless - ed Lord, To Thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side. A - men.